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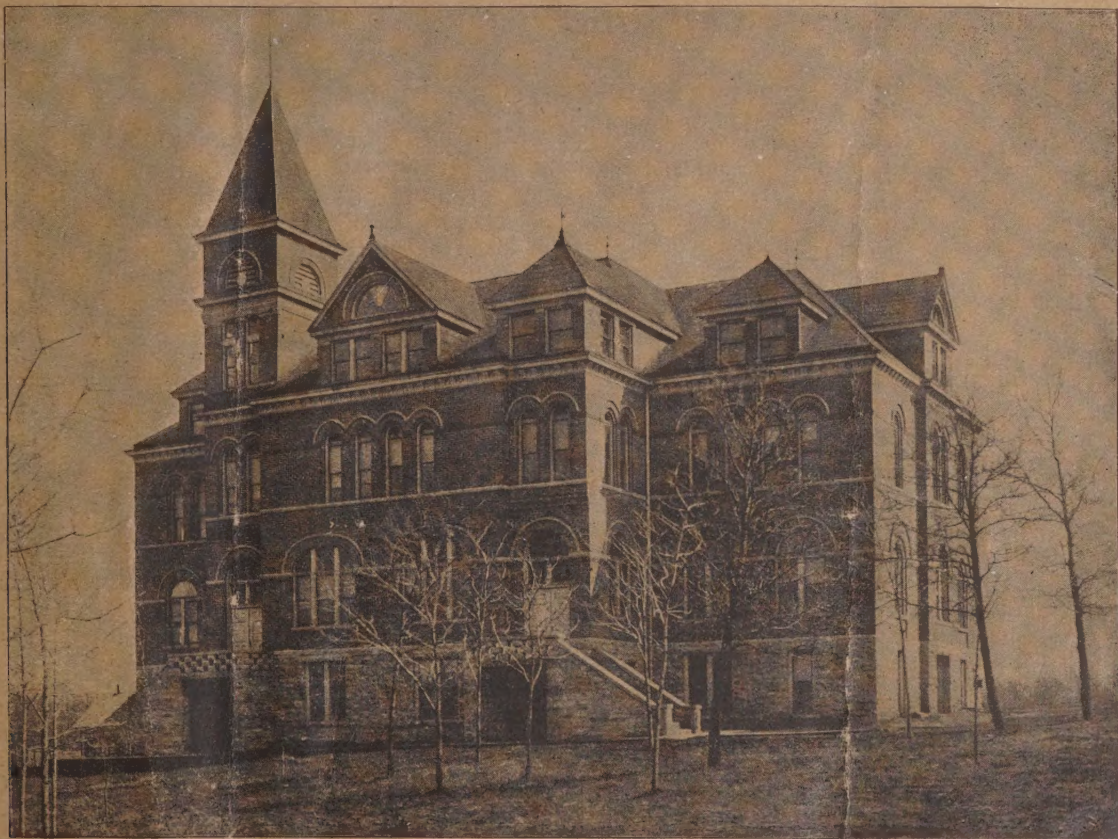
## Midland College, Atchison, Kan.

Midland College, at Atchison, Kan., the main building of which (Atchison Hall) is shown in the accompanying illustration, is the first and at present the only Lutheran college founded with authority of the General Synod.

The legend on the seal of the college

At the meeting of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church of America, held at Omaha, Neb., in 1887, the Board of Education reported that they had received very liberal proposals from several interested cities in Kansas and Nebraska, desiring to secure the location of the proposed new Lutheran col-

Atchison is one of the oldest and most substantial cities in Kansas, and is located on the west bank of the Missouri River, on what is known as "the great bend" in the river, and in the center of a natural amphitheater of hills. It has the best railroad facilities of any city in Kansas, and is second only to Omaha



ATCHISON HALL, MIDLAND COLLEGE, ATCHISON, KAN.

is well chosen and reads: "*Alumnus Ecclesiae*," or "The Child of the Church." It is true that all our institutions may be called the children of the Church; they have all been founded and built up by the Church, either directly or indirectly—have grown out of the needs of the Church and out of the Church's care for her young people. They have been fostered and sustained by the Church for the same reasons. But while this is true of all in a general sense, it is true of Midland in a special sense, as will be seen by reference to the incidents preceding its inception.

lege in the West. After considerable discussion the question of location was referred back to the board, with instructions to carefully investigate the several offers made, accept the one deemed most advantageous and then proceed to organize the institution. Thus it is that Midland College claims to be "the child of the Church" in a special sense.

After the adjournment of the Synod, the Board of Education again carefully examined the several proposals submitted to it, and finally decided to accept the one from Atchison, Kan.

and Kansas City, west of Chicago and St. Louis.

To secure the location of the college Atchison offered to give 20 acres of land for a campus, and 5 acres additional in lots, this land then being estimated as worth \$1,000 an acre; also \$50,000 in cash for buildings, but unfortunately these promises could not be entirely fulfilled. Though not all that was promised has been performed, the college has fared very well at the hands of the citizens of Atchison, as will appear from the following:

The college has received as an out-

right donation from the city of Atchison a commodious campus of 20 acres, situated on the summit of one of the highest bluffs south of the city, and overlooking the entire city, a long stretch of the Missouri River, and many miles of country on both sides of the river, thus furnishing one of the most beautiful and healthful college sites to be found anywhere. Besides this the Board of Education of the General Synod also holds, for the use of the college, 5 acres of town lots eligibly situated and likely to become valuable in time.

Besides the above the city has also given as an absolute gift, in fulfillment of its pledge, the handsome college building shown in the engraving, known as Atchison Hall, which cost about \$28,000. It is built of brick, with stone basement, is 106 x 64 feet in size and four stories high. Besides about 30 rooms for students, it has a chapel, library and reading rooms, parlor and president's room, seven recitation rooms, a dining room and kitchen. Altogether it is admirably adapted to its uses and stands as a handsome monument to the liberality of the city.

Besides this main building there is now a handsome brick-veneered dormitory for girls, known as "Oak Hall." It has accommodation for 30 young ladies. The rooms are all of good size, and attractively furnished. Mrs. Beegle, the principal of the Academic Department, has rooms in this building, and has direct supervision of the young lady boarders. This building cost, with furnishings, about \$6,500, of which \$1,500 yet remains to be provided for.

A handsome new gymnasium has recently been completed. It is 61 x 30 feet, and when fully equipped will contribute largely to the comfort and health as well as to the enjoyment of the students. The erection of this building is especially gratifying, because it has been almost entirely an enterprise of the students themselves. The building cost over \$1,600, of which the students raised about \$1,100.

In libraries, laboratories, &c., Midland College is, of course, not yet on a par with the older institutions. Including the libraries of the two Literary Societies, there are at least 4,000 volumes, well selected and many of them valuable.

By the wise forethought and generous provision of Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald, of blessed memory, the college received at his death \$24,000 life insurance, which was set apart by his will for the endowment of the presidency. Besides this the Synods of Kansas and Nebraska have each undertaken to raise \$20,000 to endow a professorship, and the German Synod of Nebraska has approved an effort to raise \$10,000 to endow the German professorship. About \$1,000

has been received on these pledges in cash and endowment notes.

Summing up these possessions, it may be said that the Lutheran Church now owns at Midland College, property worth at least \$75,000 net as the result of six years of work.

The first year the institution was organized Rev. M. Rhodes, D.D., acted as president *pro tem.*, but not having been able to do any teaching at the college, owing to the pressure of his work as a pastor in St. Louis, he resigned and Dr. Wynn was made acting president.

The faculty of the college as at present constituted consists of Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D.D., president, and George Daniel Gotwald, professor of mental and moral sciences; Rev. W. H. Wynn, Ph.D., D.D., professor of English literature and history; Rev. J. Howard Stough, Ph.D., professor of Greek and Latin languages and literature; E. B. Knerr, Sc.D., professor of mathematics and natural sciences; Rev. Carl Krueger, instructor in German and French languages; Mrs. Ella C. Beegle, principal of the academic department; Miss Addie Young, assistant in academic department; Prof. E. Willard Georgia, instructor in piano and vocal culture. The results accomplished are very encouraging when it is considered that during the first few years the college had to rely almost entirely on securing students from the city of Atchison, but it is gradually drawing the young men and young women of our Lutheran churches in the West to its halls, and last year 64 of the 123 attending the college were boarding students.

It is gratifying also to note that although the institution is only about six years old there have been a number of students whose ultimate idea was to enter the ministry.

One of the students has been faithfully and successfully preaching the gospel as pastor of a Kansas charge for over a year and last year there were four graduates in the theological seminaries in the East, and all four of them were doing supply work during the summer. This fall three more will enter the seminary, and meanwhile two other young men have been pursuing a mixed theological and academic course. In the past year 13 of the young men were looking forward to the ministry and several others have the matter under consideration. And we are glad to add, says the president, that quite a number of boys and young men in our territory are desirous to prepare for the ministry as soon as the way is open for them to come to the institution. In most cases a lack of means is the chief obstacle.

A theological department of the college was opened recently with seven students to begin work—the same number that greeted the professors at the opening of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary in 1826. Let the prayers of

the Church go up for our new seminary in the West.

It has been well said that a college with no wants is either dead or dying. Measured by this standard, Midland College is very much alive. Its needs are many and pressing. In order to put the institution on a successful basis several additional buildings are necessary, as well as substantial funds for endowment of professorships, a library fund and one to pay off the remaining debt on the ladies' dormitory. The president of the college will always be glad to correspond with or visit any persons desiring to make a donation, whether in cash or in property, by gift or by legacy. Any sum can be utilized, no matter how small or how large, and all will be gratefully received, and faithfully applied as desired, to help build up a Lutheran college west of the Missouri that will be an honor and a praise to the Church, and a source of blessing and help to the Church and the country through all time to come.

### To Colonize German Lutherans.

The pastors of the Lutheran churches in Baltimore, Md., belonging to the Synod in North America, called also the Prussian State Church, have adopted a rather novel method to bring immigrants and other German Lutherans to the State of Maryland, says a correspondent to the *Lutheran World*. The eastern shore of Maryland, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay, has been, we believe, without any Lutheran churches. These pastors bought, in Dorchester County, Md., five miles from Cambridge, Md., six hundred acres of land at three dollars per acre. The intention is to invite German people, principally from Kansas and other portions of the West, and get them to settle there, and allow them five years in which to pay for the cost of the land. There being no speculators in the whole affair, and the land being fertile, there is no reason why the scheme should not succeed and also be the means of building up the Lutheran Church on the eastern shores of Maryland.

—The new building of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., is modeled after Merton College at Oxford, England. The plans are by J. A. Dempwold, Esq., of York, Pa. The building will be constructed of brick and will be two stories high. The first floor will be devoted to a chapel, a fire-proof library with a capacity of 30,000 volumes, chairman's room and one class room. The second floor will be taken up by four class rooms. A gymnasium will be fitted in the basement. Work will commence at once, as it is desired to complete the walls before cold weather begins.

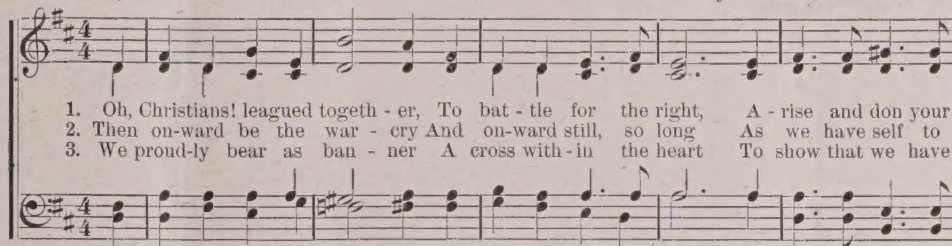
The following Hymn will be sung for the first time at the Luther Day Celebration, held under the auspices of the Luther League of New York City, at Association Hall, 23d Street and 4th Avenue, Friday Evening, November 10, 1893. All are cordially invited to be present and join heartily in the services.

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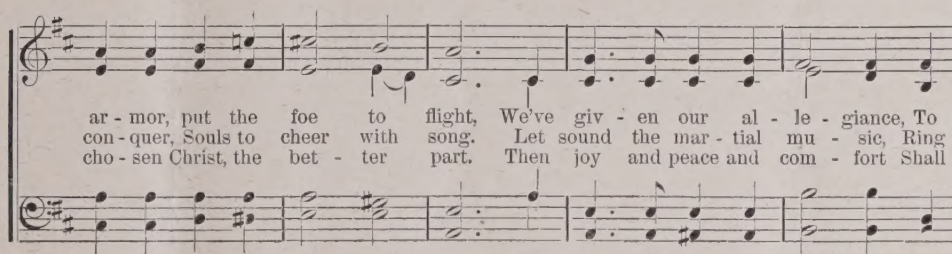
## Rally Hymn.

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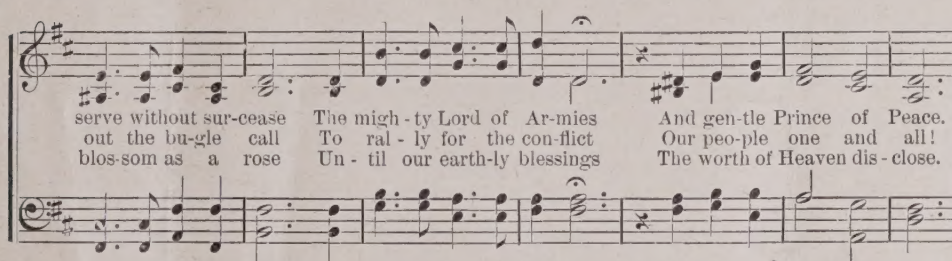
Music by REV. GEO. C. F. HAAS.



1. Oh, Christians! leagued togeth - er, To bat - tle for the right, A - rise and don your  
 2. Then on-ward be the war - cry And on-ward still, so long As we have self to  
 3. We proud-ly bear as ban - ner A cross with-in the heart To show that we have

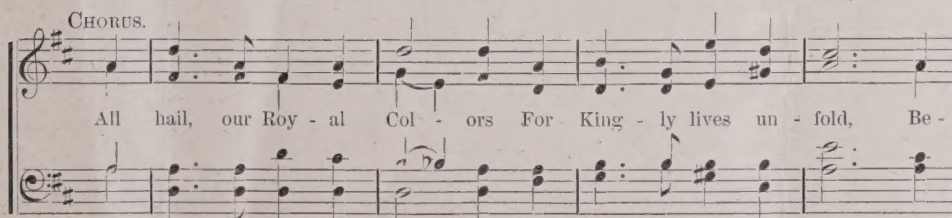


ar - mor, put the foe to flight, We've giv - en our al - le - giance, To  
 con - quer, Souls to cheer with song. Let sound the mar - tial mu - sic, Ring  
 cho - sen Christ, the bet - ter part. Then joy and peace and com - fort Shall

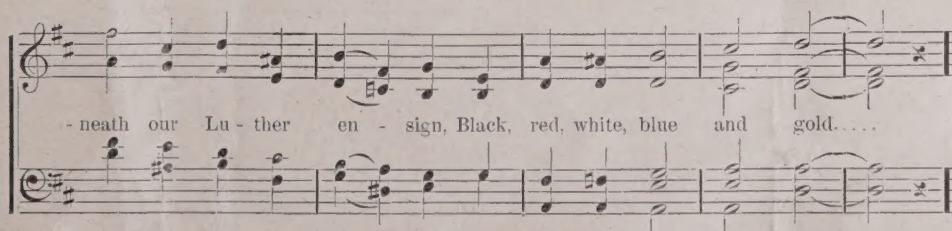


serve without sur-cess The migh - ty Lord of Ar-mies And gen-tle Prince of Peace.  
 out the bu-gle call To ral - ly for the con-flict Our peo-ple one and all!  
 blos-som as a rose Un - til our earth-ly blessings The worth of Heaven dis - close.

CHORUS.



All hail, our Roy - al Col - ors For King - ly lives un - fold, Be -



- neath our Lu - ther en - sign, Black, red, white, blue and gold....

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### District Meetings and Conventions

— The Luther League of New York City has completed all arrangements for the Luther Day celebration on November 10 in Association Hall, Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue. The speakers will be Revs. G. C. F. Haas, G. U. Wenner, D.D., and John J. Young, D.D. All the societies of the League have tickets for distribution, and a very large attendance is expected. The Luther League Rally Hymn printed in this issue will be sung for the first time.

A union meeting and entertainment of the Young People's Societies connected with the Luther League of Brooklyn was held in the Chapel of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Rodney street, Brooklyn, on Monday evening, October 30. The societies were all well represented, and visiting delegations were present from St. John's Young People's Association of Greenpoint, St. Luke's Young People's Associations of Carlton avenue, Zion's Young People's Association of Flatbush, the Lutheran Young People's Associations of Middle Village and Flushing and other organizations. The delegates to the League acted as a Reception Committee, and did their utmost to make all feel at home and to get the members of the different societies acquainted with each other. After the reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. H. B. Strodach and the singing of a hymn, the president, Henry F. Heuchel, made an address of welcome. The following programme was then carried out: Song by the St. John's Quartette; address, "Our Work," by Alfred Mettler of Zion's; cornet solo, Fred. Fisher, St. Peter's; "Our Neighbors," address by William H. Steinkamp, president of the Luther League of New York City; vocal solo by E. Luckenbach, St. Matthews; address on "Our State League," E. F. Eilert, president of the Luther League of New York State; violin solo; address on "Our Sunday Schools," by John H. Siemann, Emmanuel; vocal solo by John Haar, St. Paul's; address on "The Swedish Emigrant," by Rev. Phil Andreen, Bethlehem Swedish; piano solo, Miss Lulu Nieroler, Emmanuel; address on "Our Young Ladies," by Geo. P. Moller, St. Paul's; "Our Young Men," by Wm. F. Heissenbittel, St. Matthew's, and "Our Duty to the Church and Pastors," by H. Artus, St. John's, East New York. After the programme was finished all present were invited to partake of refreshments that were served by the King's Daughters' Circle of St. Paul's Church.

— The second annual convention of the Central Association of Lutheran Young People's Associations of Albany and vicinity occurred on October 17, in the Church of the Holy Communion, Utica, N. Y. In the absence of the presi-

dent, Mr. Lucien Young of Johnstown presided. Rev. G. A. Bierdermann, pastor loci, delivered a hearty address of welcome, to which Rev. W. G. Thrall of Schenectady responded and made an interesting address on the subject, "Our Lutheran Youth." He spoke of the latent powers in nature, and likened the power of the young people in the Church to that of Niagara, very quiet, but having run to waste for years. During the whole of history it has been the pleasure of God to call young people to His service. David, Solomon, Samuel and Luther were instanced. When he joined the Church at the age of 14, there was nothing for young people to do, but now their strength is utilized and their help sought. The importance of beginning early in learning a trade or profession was shown. It is just so in Church work. The youth in our own Church compare very favorably for vigor and practical ideas with the youth of any Protestant church. In closing, he spoke of the value of enthusiasm in any work. Miss Milly Antemann of Albany read a thoughtful essay on the "Necessity of Meeting." She gave as reasons why the young people should meet, the enjoyment of it; to know our work. Candles must touch before their light can be communicated. We must meet to compare methods of work and report what has been accomplished. The essay was a bright and practical one and was well read. After music Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch of Canajoharie spoke on the subject, "Inward, Upward, Onward." The address was an earnest one, full of energy, enthusiasm, and above all, of encouragement. A general discussion then followed in which a number of pastors and laymen participated. After the doxology and benediction the meeting adjourned. The delegates were royally entertained during the meeting by the local Young People's Society and by Rev. and Mrs. Bierdermann.

— A Luther League of Pittsburgh and Vicinity was organized on September 28 in St. John's Lutheran Church of Allegheny. Three sessions were held. The first, at 10 a.m., which was opened with devotional services, consisted of an opening address by Rev. R. E. McDaniel and response by the pastor loci, Rev. H. J. Schub. After this a permanent organization was effected and Miss Ida Schaeffer read an essay. The afternoon session began at 2 p.m., when addresses were made by Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., and Rev. A. R. Kuldell, and two interesting essays were presented by Mrs. W. H. Breckenridge and Mrs. S. D. Dougherty. At the evening session the Misses Jane E. Eggers, Cora Waters and Elizabeth Clancy presented essays of absorbing interest. The officers of the League are: President, Leander Trautman; vice-presidents, Revs. J. G. Goetman, H. J. Schub, J. F.

W. Meyer and Smith; recording secretary, Miss Elizabeth Clancy; statistical secretary, Miss Cora Waters; treasurer, Miss Maggie Scully.

— The Young People's Lutheran Association of Philadelphia have appointed delegates to call a convention for the purpose of discussing the question of organizing a Central Association (or Luther League) of Philadelphia. In urging the societies to co-operate the delegates say in their call: "There seems to be no question of the advisability of organizing such an association. It will unite the young people of our Church in the advancement of Christ's kingdom. It will strengthen the individual societies. It will increase activity in Church work and loyalty to our Church. It will also inculcate and foster the spirit of true Lutheranism. Let every society connected with a Lutheran church in Philadelphia appoint three delegates to this convention and see that none fail to be represented. It is hoped every pastor will be present and encourage the young people. If possible the convention will be held on Friday evening, November 10, 1893, which is the 410th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther."

— At the mass meeting of the Luther League of Rochester and Vicinity, to be held on Sunday afternoon, November 5, in Washington Rink, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. E. Hartman, Rev. W. L. Hunton and Rev. C. N. Conrad will be the speakers. It is expected that every Lutheran congregation in the city will participate. The church choirs will consolidate for the occasion.

— The regular semi-annual convention of the Luther League of Buffalo was held on Thursday, October 19, in the chapel of St. John's Church. After the opening services Mr. Fred Henrich, the secretary, read a paper on "What Has Been Accomplished by the Central Association since Its Organization." The other topics discussed were: "Lutheran Young People—the Past, Present and Future." Mr. G. J. Haller spoke upon this subject in English and Mr. F. Schmelzer in German. Dr. F. C. Gram and Rev. E. F. Bachman, the editors of the German and English editions of the *Buffalo Lutheran*, made reports and Rev. F. A. Kahler delivered an address.

— The Lutheran Mission League of Rochester, N. Y., recently held a quarterly meeting in the Church of the Reformation. The address on this occasion was delivered by Rev. W. L. Hunton, his subject being "What? How? Why?" The speaker energetically and enthusiastically unfolded his theme as follows: "What? Mission work home mission work, Rochester City mission work, German, Swedish, but especially English: How? First, by warming our own hearts, then by enthusing the people. This is to be done by inform-

ing them. Luther hurled his inkstand at the devil; we must emulate his example by throwing printer's ink at the devil of indifference. Why? Because the Lutheran Church stands for free speech, free thought, republican independence, God's word; because mission work is the very soul of Christianity." The speaker questioning whether the man who has no heart for missions has a soul.

### The Proposed National Organization of Lutheran Young People.

The gathering of the young people of the Lutheran Church into societies for aggressive Church work has been looked upon by some individuals as being merely a diversion or the impulse of the moment. Whether it prove to be so the future must determine. We do not regard it thus. To us this movement has assumed an importance second only to the winning of souls for our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. It means nothing less, if it be properly guided, than the holding of many in their Church relationship and the development of a proportionate amount of youthful energy, activity and zeal for the cause of our common Lord that without such organization would have been wasted or remained dormant.

That it may be esteemed according to its vast importance and urged forward with all the rapidity consistent with prudence is the desire of every large minded, far sighted and true lover of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The general advantages arising from union in any cause where many individuals should move as one are so obvious as to have become proverbial. Every schoolboy knows that "in union there is strength." The strength which comes from it is found not only in the mutual assistance and force, but in the encouragement and enthusiasm which grow out of the association of numbers. There are to-day in the United States not less than 400,000 young members of the Lutheran Church, who should be enrolled and organized in one compact body. The necessity is upon us. Self protection, mutual encouragement, the need of such aggressive work as can be accomplished only with a united front, all demand immediate action.

That a national organization can be effected is no longer a question. The only question remaining is whether such an organization can be made a living, breathing, working force, or whether it shall be a mere husk, a wraith, a dry and dead and useless form. And the answer to this question is to be found not only in the quality of the units which go to compose the body, but also in the policy and principles upon which the body shall be organized. May the Head of the Church now be the leader to guide His members in the proper way.—*Albany Lutheran.*

### A Misstatement Corrected.

We cannot but lament and condemn the misleading statements and un-Christian practices which certain denominations resort to in their work of proselyting among our Lutheran brethren in Sweden and their sturdy sons in this country. The coming of Bishop Von Scheele to this country being known to one of these denominations efforts were made to secure him as their guest during his sojourn in this country. The Bishop, however, saw through the motive, and with his intelligent comprehension and strong faith in things Lutheran, did not do as so many American Lutherans do, forget that they are Lutherans, especially away from home.

He felt the dignity of his position and felt too, no doubt, the superiority of his own Church over others whose very confessions show unmistakable traces of our own Augsburg Confession.

He therefore declined the invitation, and, moreover, refused to appear in any other than a Lutheran church, the inference being that the Bishop did not wish to countenance, but rather protest against the claim of relationship which the denomination referred to is endeavoring to establish between it and the Lutheran Church in Sweden.

Bishop Von Scheele brought with him to this country "letters of greeting" and an "official commission" from King Oscar of Sweden to the *Lutheran Augustana Synod*, yet, notwithstanding this fact, a certain pastor of a sister denomination circulated the rumor in Minnesota that the Swedish Lutheran Church in America having seceded (?) from the Church in Sweden, it was no longer recognized by the mother Church, and that the Church in Sweden now recognized only the Church of England. The falsity of these statements is apparent when we remember that the Bishop had "letters of introduction to" and brought greetings for the Lutheran Church and for none other; and his noble heart pulsed most rapidly when among Lutherans here, and when he saw that the Lutherans of America, together with the Lutherans of Sweden, and of all lands, were after all *one* in the faith which was Luther's.

Bishop Von Scheele has returned to his native land (Sweden). While here he spoke enthusiastically of the respect and honor paid him and his high office, and was unstinted in his praise of the Lutherans of America. He carried with him the affections of our people and the knowledge that his coming has done us all good. Let us now take fresh courage and stand firmly to the Church of the Reformation; proud of her faith, proud of her history, and rejoicing in the fact that while third

numerically in this country, she has the largest communicant membership of any Protestant denomination in the world.

### Book Reviews.

*Proceedings of the Third Convention of the English Lutheran Synod of Missouri and other States, held at Chicago May 3-10.*

From this the following facts are taken: Number of clerical members present, 10; lay delegates, 7. There were 15 clergymen admitted to membership and 8 congregations. The president, in his address, based his remarks on the question, "What is the right, true, apostolic constitution of the Church of Jesus Christ?" He also made report of official acts done by him, presented a record of transactions and made suggestions, among which were:

That Synod take into consideration the possibility of establishing a publication business by forming a stock company or otherwise.

The doctrinal discussion was on the "Theses on Parish Rights," submitted by the president, Rev. F. Kuegele.

The Committee on Tune Book recommended a deference of action, suggesting that Layriz's Choral-Buch, "Church Song," and *The Common Service*, by Mrs. Krauth, were sufficient for the present.

The Synod also advised all Young People's Societies to join the general body of Young People's Societies at the convention in Buffalo, N. Y., May 20. Rev. Kaiser of Buffalo was instructed to look after the Synod's interests at this convention.

The *Lutheran Guide* was received as the Synod's Sunday school paper.

Upon request of the trustees of Concordia College, at Conover, N. C., the Synod accepted the institution as her "college, with the view of graduating young men in theology at either St. Louis, Mo., or Springfield, Ill."

After deciding to meet in 1895 at Fort Wayne, Ind., the Synod adjourned.

The officers of the Synod are: President, F. Kuegele of Koerner's Store, Va.; vice-president, Rev. M. Sommer, St. Louis, Mo.; secretary, Rev. C. F. W. Meyer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; treasurer, Mr. Jeus Lauenborg of St. Louis, Mo.

—A neat little volume of stories of the "Times of the Reformation and the Thirty Years War," by R. Wagemann, Ph.D., has been issued from the press of the Martin Luther Waisenhaus of West Roxbury, Mass. It is printed in German, in clear type. It has several very good illustrations and is neatly bound. Combining as it does entertainment and instruction for the young, it should prove a very desirable acquisition to the libraries of our German Sunday schools. Single copies, 50 cents, or \$40 per hundred.

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## Comments.

Much of the success of church and society work lies in unity. The old proverb, "United we stand, divided we fall," is well known, and anything that will serve to strengthen the ties between our various societies will, therefore, be beneficial. For the purpose of furnishing a new link in the chain that will eventually weld all our Lutheran Young People's Societies together in a national organization, the "Luther League Rally Hymn" was projected and is published for the first time in this number. Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassady of Philadelphia deserves the credit and merits the praise for writing the words, and the Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, pastor of St. Mark's Church, New York City, for arranging the music. The hymn will be sung for the first time at the Luther Day celebration in New York City, and should, with "Ein Feste Burg," inspire our young people with renewed activity and increased loyalty

"to serve without surcease,

The Mighty Lord of Armies, and Gentle Prince of Peace."

It has been said that it is simply the want of an inspiring idea or a worthy cause that has made so many people, especially the young people of our churches, idle loiterers on the world's highway. This cannot be justly applied to the loiterers among the young people of our own Lutheran Church, for in her glorious history and mighty achievements they have the one, and in

the present magnificent opportunities and promising future they have the other. Our young people do not want for either an inspiring idea or a worthy cause. Both are within their reach. But what is next most needed is a spirit of true consecration upon the altar of our Church; an indomitable energy exercised in her behalf; an unswerving zeal for her welfare, and strict fidelity to her superior Faith.

To our young people we would say, Awake! Be up and doing. Rise to a true conception of your high prerogatives. Lend the Church the benefit of your youthful vitality, your cheerfulness, your burning enthusiasm, and thus help weave out for her a glorious destiny.

Many young people, when urged to engage in Church work, sometimes say that at a more convenient season they may do so, or that they must sow their "wild oats" first, or that, as they have but once to live, they are going to have a "good time."

They forget that having but once to live is all the more reason why they should live wisely, and that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Time wrongfully spent is always mispent. Opportunities lost are irrevocably lost. Wrongs committed can never be wholly righted. Good intentions postponed are rarely ever realized.

Having a good time in a worldly sense often means indulging in questionable amusements, which breed unholy thoughts and result in improper associations, disinclination to prayer and Bible study, and a gradual alienation from God.

Away from the protection of the fellowship of Christ no young man or woman is safe. There is no remedy against sin so effectual as that of being busy about our Heavenly Father's business.

A habit is easily formed, but often very difficult to break. This is as true in regard to our Church obligations as in ordinary business affairs. There is a pernicious custom in vogue among some of the young people of our Lutheran churches (especially in our large cities) of regularly attending the churches of other denominations. This practice, when persisted in, produces a spirit of

indifference and apathy, and causes those who indulge in it to regard the services in our Church as well as those of other churches as being nothing more than mere differences of outward form and of no importance whatever.

Let us remember our vows made on the day of our confirmation, "I will love, cherish and work for the Lutheran Church, by the help of God; remain loyal to her, and fulfill my duty to her."

This cannot be done by the practice alluded to above. To spend part of the Lord's Day in attending the Lutheran Church, of which we are members, and the rest of the day in a church of some other denomination, is glaringly inconsistent, to say the least. Although our Church has sustained many losses by deliberate desertion, yet she suffers equally as much from this half-hearted allegiance, and by being thus "wounded in the house of her friends."

— The effect of the present financial stringency, says the *Workman*, is felt in many a home. But who feels it first and most? Is it the patient mother who resolves to deny herself the needed and longed-for wrap, that the daughter may continue to have her full allowance? Is it the father, who concludes to do without help, and to make the old overcoat last another winter, that the son may have his trip to the World's Fair, or his year at college? Christian young men and women, who will bear the burden of "hard times" this fall and winter in your home? Father and mother are growing old. Haven't you heard them talking of the last panic and the one before? Lift from their weary shoulders the burden of this one. Before another shall have come they will probably be sleeping beneath the sod. This is your golden opportunity. Learn the lesson of self denial for the sake of loved ones, and you will be strengthened, and your whole life will be sweetened. Your parents learned the lesson long ago. Your turn has come at last.

## CHURCH CALENDAR.

November 5.—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Matthew 22, 15—22; Epistle, Phil. 3, 17—21.

November 12.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Matthew 9, 18—20; Epistle, Col. 1, 9—14.

November 19.—Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Matthew 24, 15—28; Epistle, 1 Thess. 4, 13—18.

November 26.—Twenty sixth Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Matthew 25, 31—46; Epistle, 2 Peter 3, 3—14

# AMONG THE CHURCHES.

## NEW YORK CITY.

— The new Immanuel Lutheran Church on Eighty-third street, Rev. J. C. Renz, pastor, is ready for dedication. The services will be held on Sunday, November 5, and will be continued on the two days following.

— Mr. F. U. Gift, a theological student of Gettysburg, Pa., has been assisting Dr. Wenner of Christ Church, New York, during the summer. Although his stay was brief he endeared himself to the young people by his earnest preaching, and when he bade farewell on October 15 he left with their good wishes and with feelings of the highest regard.

— At the joint Reformation celebration of the New York congregations connected with the New York Ministerium held in Association Hall, Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue, on Tuesday evening, October 31, 1893, the oration was delivered by Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, D.D., of St. Peter's Church, whose topic was "Luther, and the Social Questions of His Time." The choirs of the churches have consolidated for the occasion.

— Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., L.L.D., ex-president of the General Council, is quite ill at his home in New York City. The congregation of Holy Trinity Church, of which he is pastor, recently adopted resolutions requesting him to take a rest until his health is fully restored. We hope he may soon recover.

— On October 22 and 23 Christ Lutheran congregation, on Nineteenth street, New York City, celebrated with appropriate exercises the twenty-fifth anniversary of their pastor's (Dr. G. U. Wenner) ordination to the ministry. The church was profusely decorated with flowers and the new chancel window, a memorial of the last four catechetical classes that the Doctor confirmed, added much to the beauty of the decorations. On Sunday morning the worthy Doctor spoke more especially to the older members, while at the evening service he spoke to the young people. In both these addresses he told the story of his work among them, thanked them for their devotion and asked for their continued support during this jubilee year. One passage of his evening sermon we would quote: "At sunrise this morning our church had a debt of \$400; at sunset our church is free." Tears of joy filled the eyes of his hearers. The collection during the day amounted to over \$450. On Monday evening a reception was tendered the Doctor by the Church Council and a very large attendance greeted the guest of the evening. Letters of congratulation were received from a large number of Dr. Wenner's

friends, among which may be mentioned Drs. Moldehnke, Bridgeman, Kidder, King, Young, Schaufler, Conrad, Seiss, Albert, Butler, Luckenbach, Krotel, Bougher, Peschau, Gilbert and Dunbar, Revs. Nelson, Perkins, Geo. C. F. Haas, Behrens, Switzer, Raegener, Weltner, Gutzler, Manhart, Wm. M. Baum, Jr., Messrs. Boner, Hartrauft, Wm. E. Dodge, Professors Hunt and Behringer and many others. Among those present at the reception were Drs. Hamma and Warren, Revs. Bodine, Beiderbecker, Geyer, Anderson and others. The exercises of the evening began with the singing of the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. John A. W. Haas, selection by the choir and an address by Rev. J. A. Singmaster of Allentown, to which Dr. Wenner responded. Dr. Remensnyder followed with a few remarks. The paid up mortgage was then handed to Dr. Wenner, who committed it to the flames. Dr. Heischman then spoke in German, and Dr. Nicum led in prayer and pronounced the benediction. Dr. Wenner is a graduate of Yale, class of '65, and studied theology at Union Theological Seminary until 1868, when he was ordained. In this year he also received the degree of Master of Arts. We hope that the doctor may be spared to serve the congregation for many years to come.

— The installation of Rev. John J. Young, D.D., as pastor of St. John's Church (Christopher street), which was announced for Sunday, October 22, took place on Thursday, October 19, the change being made to suit the officers of Synod. A large audience filled the body and galleries of the church when the Council and Dr. Young entered to take seats in front of the chancel, which was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers provided by the ladies of the congregation. Rev. R. A. Hafer, the secretary of the New York and New Jersey Synod, delivered the charge to the pastor and conducted the installation ceremonies, while Dr. J. B. Remensnyder gave the charge to the members of the congregation. A very substantial collection was taken for the "Pastor's Fund."

— On Monday evening, October 23, a reception was tendered to Dr. Young and his family by the members of St. John's congregation, and despite the inclement weather the main room of the school building was well filled. The opening services were conducted by Revs. R. A. Hafer and Herring, after which Mr. S. G. C. Taddiken, on behalf of the congregation, delivered an address of welcome. Other addresses were made by Revs. H. B. Strodach, T. T. Everett, D.D., D. W. Peterson and R. A. Hafer. Dr. Young responded, and then he and

his wife received all the members and friends present. Rev. W. Berkemeier concluded the services by leading in prayer and pronouncing the benediction. The ladies of the congregation then provided refreshments.

— A farewell meeting to Dr. David A. Day, Lutheran missionary to Africa, was held in St. James' Lutheran Church on the evening of October 21. Among the clergy present were Revs. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., J. J. Young, D.D., T. T. Everett, D.D., G. U. Wenner, D.D., M. W. Hamma, D.D., G. Scholl, D.D., Geo. F. Behringer, H. Hebler and Pohlmann. Dr. Day was ordained to the ministry in St. James' Church nearly 20 years ago, and has labored with marked success in Africa since. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Remensnyder, Dr. Wenner, Dr. Scholl and Dr. Day. Dr. Day is a great "word painter," and with his eloquence, pathos and apt illustrations held his audience spellbound, divulging, we think, the secret of his wonderful influence over the native Africans on the west coast. Dr. Day sailed the following Saturday for his distant field of work on the steamship "Etruria," and accompanying him on the same vessel were Dr. Harpster, the successful pastor of the Canton, Ohio, Lutheran Church, and his estimable wife, who, have consecrated themselves to mission work in India. May the blessing of God watch over these faithful souls and the prayers of the entire Church attend them.

## BROOKLYN.

— Mr. Charles A. Schieren, a prominent Lutheran, has been nominated for Mayor of the city of Brooklyn by the Republican and independent parties, on a platform of honest government, on sound business principles. He was born in Germany and came to Brooklyn when about ten years of age. He is a very successful business man, and is actively connected with a number of charitable and religious institutions and organizations. He is a member of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, and has had charge of a department of the Sunday school for a number of years.

— On Monday evening, October 9, the fifteenth anniversary of the installation of Rev. Dr. J. J. Heischman, pastor of St. Peter's Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., was celebrated under the auspices of the Ladies' Society. The occasion was one of great rejoicing and thanksgiving for the success and prosperity which have attended the congregation during these years. The church was beautifully decorated, the choir rendered a number of selections, addresses were delivered by the presidents of all the societies connected with the church

and by the superintendents of the Sunday schools. Addresses were also made by several clergymen. The large attendance and general good feeling which prevailed showed the feeling of love which has bound the pastor and congregation so closely together during his pastorate, and which has been to a great extent instrumental in achieving the success attained. After the services refreshments were served in the Sunday school rooms. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

— Rev. T. T. Everett, D.D., pastor of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., tendered his resignation a few weeks ago and preached his farewell sermon to the congregation on October 29 prior to his removal to Cobleskill, N. Y., where he has accepted the charge lately vacated by Rev. Dr. Singley.

— Owing to ill health Rev. Edwin Potter has resigned as pastor of Grace Church, Rodney street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The congregation have not as yet secured a pastor.

— The Rev. G. Henry Vosseler, formerly pastor of the Holy Trinity (German) mission in Brooklyn, has been appointed missionary of the German Lutheran Immanuel Synod for the city of Brooklyn and vicinity. The mission has been discontinued for the present, and Rev. Vosseler will preach at different churches.

— A report has it that a Swedish Lutheran Sunday school was started Sunday, October 22, in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church, Milton street, near Manhattan avenue, Greenpoint, N. Y.

— Rev. August Steimle, son of the late Rev. F. W. T. Steimle, who was the first pastor of Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, is pastor of St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Red Wing, Minn. The church has been organized for about five years, and during the eight months that Pastor Steimle has been in charge he has added 34 new members.

#### NEW YORK STATE.

— An incorrect report has received widespread circulation to the effect that Rev. S. P. Hughes of Red Hook, N. Y., was lying critically ill in New York City. The facts of the case are that Rev. Hughes is at his old home at Williamsport, Pa., to which place he was removed from Red Hook by the advice of his physicians. He has been suffering from nervous prostration for some time, which, with other complications, makes his condition seem very alarming.

— The English Lutheran Tabernacle of Albany, N. Y., Rev. J. G. Henry, pastor, will give an entertainment consist-

ing of a series of tableaux on the evening of November 1.

— Rev. Pohl, a missionary from Rajamundry, India, preached in St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany, N. Y., on Sunday, October 1. In the morning he delivered the sermon, and in the afternoon an interesting lecture before the Sunday school. At the evening service the missionary made an address on his experiences in India. The members of Trinity Lutheran congregation of Albany participated in the service.

— Rev. J. M. Derrick of Zion's Lutheran Church, West Sand Lake, N. Y., preached his fourth anniversary sermon on October 1. During the past four years the church has canceled a debt of \$2,300, has given \$780 for benevolence, and \$6,863 for local charities.

— A unanimous call has been extended to the Rev. W. J. Miller of Leechburg, Pa., by the congregation of the Church of the Reformation, at Rochester, N. Y.

— Grace Lutheran Church of Rochester, N. Y., recently celebrated its second anniversary. On this occasion Rev. W. L. Hunton, the pastor, took as the theme for his sermon "Gratitude to God; God's Faithfulness and Man's Duty." In the two years, he said, 95 communicant members have been added to the church, and a class of 40 young people are now being instructed for confirmation. In the evening the Sunday school held its annual harvest festival, the music being excellently rendered by the Junior or Young Ladies' choir of the church. The church was beautifully decorated. The audience filled the auditorium at the morning service and standing room was at a premium at the evening festival.

#### IN OTHER STATES.

— Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jersey City, N. J., pastor, G. Burkhard, celebrated on October 1 and 2 the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the church and the twentieth anniversary of Rev. Burkhard's pastorate. Among the speakers were Revs. Ph. Krug, J. D. Häger, E. Kionka, D. W. Peterson, C. G. Fisher and H. Shoppe.

— The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, at Magnolia, N. J., was dedicated on Sunday, October 22. Rev. Prof. C. W. Shaeffer delivered the sermon and the church was consecrated by Rev. C. K. Binder of Camden, N. J. A large number of Lutherans of Philadelphia, both clergy and lay, attended the ceremonies.

— At Fillmore, Ill., the Lutheran Church, Rev. M. L. Exline, pastor, has within the last few months built a parsonage costing \$1,200. Two years ago

a large frame church, with a seating capacity of 300, was built and paid for. The Young People's Society connected with the church is very active and is rapidly growing in members.

— The Icelandic Lutheran Synod of America recently held its ninth annual conference at Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Synod consists of 22 congregations and 6 ministers. The work of the Synod is confined to North Dakota, Manitoba, Minnesota and Utah. The home missions were especially dwelt upon in the discussions of the conference.

— The twenty-fifth anniversary of the General Council was celebrated in Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. The service was conducted by Rev. Wm. Ashmead Shaeffer of Philadelphia, Pa. Five addresses were made: "Reminiscences of the General Council," Rev. Sam'l Laird of Philadelphia, Pa.; "The Educational Work of the General Council," by Rev. M. H. Richards of Allentown, Pa.; "The Work of Mercy in the General Council," Rev. W. A. Passavant of Pittsburgh, Pa.; "The Nationalities of the General Council," by Rev. Carl A. Swenson of Lindsborg, Kan.; "The Influence of the General Council on the Lutheran Church," Rev. Adolph Spaeth of Mount Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

— It is a remarkable fact, and one that promises great things, that despite the hard times that have prevailed during the summer nearly all the Lutheran colleges report an increase in the number of students over last term: Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, an increase of between 30 and 40; Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., 13; College of the Wisconsin Synod, at Watertown, Wis., 55; Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio, 60; Concordia College, at St. Louis, 130; Concordia College, at Fort Wayne, 40; College at Milwaukee, about 40.

— A wealthy Swede by the name of John A. Johnson, who recently died at his home in Mariedahl, Kan., has bequeathed to various educational and charitable institutions of the Swedish Augustana Synod upward of \$40,000.

— The General Synod has recommended that the first week in November be observed as a "Silent-denial Week," for the especial remembrance of the home missions and their needs.

— The sum of \$125,000 has been donated to build a German Lutheran Church in Jerusalem. The Sultan has given a plot of ground. A conference was recently held by the Evangelical ministers working in the Orient, and it was proposed to proceed with the work at once.

# LUTHER LEAGUE.



— "We remember seeing Luther's coat of arms wrought in the stone pavement at the door of the castle church at Wittenberg," says the editor of the *Augsburg Teacher*. "Now we see it worn on the lapel of men's coats and among the ornaments of ladies' dress. The design is a black cross in a red heart on a white rose in a sky blue field, encircled with a gold ring. The cross is black, significant not only of Christ's cross, but of the daily cross of Christians. The heart that receives Christ and his cross, by that faith finds joy, comfort and peace, signified by the white rose. The blue is the color of the heaven above, toward which Christian hope aspires; and the golden ring indicates the eternal salvation of the believer."

— The Luther League of Pennsylvania, says the *Young Lutheran*, is nearing realization. There is a growing demand for its organization. With a communicant membership of 225,000, the old Keystone State should have a League numbering 50,000. Why not?

## NEW YORK CITY.

— During the past month a new society was formed in New York City and a new member gained for the local League. Several of the young people of Zion Lutheran Church, on Eighty-fourth street, some months ago wrote to the Credential Committee for advice, but during the summer months nothing was done. However, on the evening of Thursday, September 28, a committee of the Luther League of New York City, consisting of Messrs. Tiedemann, Wefer, Boschen and Eilert, at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. H. Hebler, visited the church and explained the objects and benefits of League work. After these addresses it was decided to form a Young People's Luther League and to meet again in a week. At this second meeting a permanent organization was effected and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. B. J. Gerken; vice-president, Mr. A. Stahmann; secretary, Mr. Chas. Hunken; treasurer, Miss Emma Lot. The name adopted was that of Young People's Luther League of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the society is therefore the first newly-organized society in New York City to bear that name. The League also made application for membership in the Central League, and heartily indorsed the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. The members of this League are in earnest, and the congregation can justly be proud of the new organization, which gives promise of doing a good work.

— A very interesting entertainment was given on October 19 by the Young Men's Society of the German Lutheran

Immanuel's Church, on East Eighty-third street, New York City. The dedication services of this church will be held on November 5, 6 and 7.

— On Wednesday evening, September 27, Rev. and Mrs. John A. W. Haas of Grace Lutheran Church, New York City, tendered a reception to the Young People's Societies of their church at their residence, 59 West 119th street, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

— The relief fund which was established by St. Peter's Young Men's Association some months since for aiding the poor of the congregation is in the hands of a committee especially appointed for that purpose, of which the president of the association, Mr. N. T. H. Sturke, is the chairman. In speaking of this excellent work and appealing for support *The Bulletin*, published by the society, says: "The worthy object for which this fund was started and the great amount of good it can accomplish, especially at this time when so much distress is to be found on all sides, with winter at our doors and no decided prospect of an improvement in sight, necessarily appeal to all who believe in a direct and immediate charity of the most practical kind."

— Dr. Alfred B. Moldenke, a member of St. Peter's Young Men's Association for the past two years, and a member of the Editorial Board of the REVIEW, has tendered his resignation both as a member of the association and as associate editor. He sailed for Europe during the past month, where he will complete his studies before entering the ministry. We trust that God's blessing will ever rest upon him.

— The Young Ladies' Social Society of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Twenty-first street, will hold an "apron and bag sale" on Thursday, November 9, 1893, at the residence of Miss Rollwagon, 115 Lexington avenue, corner Twenty-eighth street, which all their friends are cordially invited to attend.

— The programme for St. Mark's concert at Madison Square Garden Concert Hall on November 9, 1893, is now complete. The Programme Committee announce that they have been successful in securing such able and well-known talent as Miss Mabel Stephenson, prima donna soprano, Miss Kathryn Krymer, contralto; Messrs. Wm. Josh Daly and A. C. Plant, humorists; Mr. Hermann Mahlstadt, pianist; Mr. Adolph Rado, baritone, and Mr. Hermann Stuckmann of the Berlin Conservatory, violinist. It is desired to make the concert a grand success, and to this

end the tickets are at a uniform price of 50 cents. Tickets entitle the holder to a reserved seat. Good and desirable seats can be secured in advance from any member of St. Mark's Association.

— The sociable given under the auspices of the Ladies' Society and Young People's Society of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, on October 7, for the benefit of the poor, was a success. The chapel was beautifully decorated with the American and Swedish colors and a large audience was present.

— The young people of St. John's congregation gave a reception to their newly installed pastor, Dr. J. J. Young, on Tuesday evening, October 24, in the school building. An interesting programme of musical and literary talent was rendered, and an address of welcome was extended by Mr. H. E. Eilert, the president of the St. John's Social Union. Other addresses were made by Dr. M. W. Hamma, Henry Heuchel of the Brooklyn Luther League and E. F. Eilert of the Luther League of New York.

— The annual meeting of the Young People's Luther Alliance of St. James' Church, New York City, was held October 12, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. M. C. Gattschaldt; vice-president, Edward F. Stereck; recording secretary, Miss Lulu Wagner; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Kohl, and treasurer, Adolph Rado. The treasurer's report showed that about \$2,000 was raised by the Alliance during the past year, most of which went toward the maintenance of the church.

— The Young People's Luther Alliance of St. James's Church has before it a proposition, which has been favorably received, to change the name to the Luther League of St. James. The Sunday evening prayer meeting under the auspices of the society will be resumed Sunday, November 5, at 7.30 o'clock, and will be conducted by the various members.

— At one of the meetings of the Martin Luther Society of Christ Church held this month one of the members, Mr. Chas. Eckhardt, delivered an essay on photography, after which the members were photographed by flash light, and a very good picture was taken.

— At the recent election of officers of St. Lucas' Young Men's Union, the following gentlemen were elected for one year: President, J. Louis Schaefer; recording secretary, J. H. Shone; corresponding secretary, Frank Fausner; financial secretary, John Blume; treasurer, Paul E. Missail; librarian, G. A. Dane; assistant librarian, H. Hartmann. Executive Committee: Philip Muller, John

Carl, D. G. Hildebrand, and Geo. J. Schuster. Board of Trustees: J. Louis Schaefer, chairman; Paul Missall, Geo. J. Schuster, D. G. Hildebrand, and John W. Tiedemann. A vice-president was elected, but having declined to accept the office, a new one will be chosen at the next business meeting of the society.

#### BROOKLYN.

— The Young People's Society of the German Evangelical Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., held an entertainment on Tuesday, October 10, in the Sunday school rooms. The programme consisted of musical and literary numbers and an address by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Loch. The pastor referred to the society being the oldest connected with the Lutheran Church in Brooklyn and hoped that the young people would endeavor to make it larger and more powerful in its influence, and that it might become an important factor in church work.

— The following have been nominated as officers of the Young People's Society of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., to be balloted for at the next regular meeting: Chas. H. Potter, president; Ed. T. Armstrong, vice-president; Chas. Boschen, Jr., recording secretary; Jacob Ring, Jr., corresponding secretary; Ed. Boener and J. Tonrjes, Jr., for treasurer.

— The young people of St. James' German Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Forty-sixth street, near Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, of which Rev. H. C. A. Meyer is pastor, will give an entertainment for the benefit of the building fund on Monday evening, November 13, at 8 o'clock, in Day's Hall, corner Third avenue and Fifty-fourth street, Brooklyn.

— The Zion's King's Daughters' Circle of Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brooklyn has done a great deal of good work during the two years that it has been in existence. An entertainment will be given under the auspices of the circle in the Sunday school room of the church on Thursday evening, November 2. It is hoped that it will be well attended, and thereby encourage the young ladies in their work.

— To celebrate their third anniversary the Young Men's Society of St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, gave a dinner on Friday evening October 27, at "Wilson's," Fulton and Pierrepont streets. Covers were laid for about 100, and after an excellent "menu" had been gone through with a number of interesting toasts were responded to. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D., acting as toastmaster. The president, Mr. Henry F. Heuchel, responded for "Our Young Men;" Mr. Fred. Fischer, "The

day we Celebrate;" Mr. Alfred Mettler, "Our Kindred Societies;" Mr. E. F. Eilert, "The Luther League;" Rev. J. W. Loch "Lutherans in Brooklyn," and Rev. Justus Holstein, "The Ladies."

#### NEW YORK STATE.

— St. John's Young People's Society, Albany, N. Y., gave a social on Thursday evening, October 19, at which Rev. H. W. Hoffmann gave the third of his interesting lectures on a "Trip Through Pennsylvania." At this meeting nominations were made of officers to be ballotted for at the next regular meeting.

— The Church of the Redeemer Young People's Society, Albany, N. Y., has recently added a number of new names to its already flourishing list of members. It will give an entertainment on Thanksgiving evening.

— The Lutherania Society of the German Evangelical Lutheran Concordia Church, at Rochester, was organized in January, 1893, and at present has a membership of 98. New members are being added at every meeting, and every endeavor is being made to gather the young people into the society.

— The Lutheran League of Trinity Lutheran Church, Jamestown, N. Y., is making preparations for the celebration of the 410th anniversary of Luther's birthday, November 10. There will be three addresses — viz, "The Luther League," Mr. Henry Love; "Loyalty to the Lutheran Church," Mr. Frank Felt; "Martin Luther," Rev. S. G. Weiskotten. The musical portion of the programme has received special attention.

— The Young People's Society of Christ Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N. Y., celebrated its fourth anniversary during the past month. At present there are 96 members in this society, although at one time there were as many as 120; some, however, have been transferred to the Young Men's Society. The society has been quite active in church work. When the new church was built they purchased the bell, which cost nearly \$300. The present officers are: President, John Schiffler; vice-president, Christ. Roth; secretary, Maggie Sticht; treasurer, Louis Kessler; librarian, Carl Gruebentrug; assistant librarian, John Sticht.

— The Young People's Society of St. John's Lutheran Church of Buffalo, N. Y., have arranged a series of lectures for the winter months. The first was delivered on October 10 by the Rev. E. F. Bachmann on the subject "The First Christian Church," and on Reformation Day, October 31. Rev. F. A. Kahler delivered an address on the "Reformation." Rev. Holm has been requested to speak on "The Apostolic Fathers" on November 14.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

— Rev. Gustav A. Struntz of St. Paul's German Lutheran Church of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is taking an active interest in the work of the Luther Leagues, and has organized a society of the young people of his church. It was organized about October 1, and has over 70 members.

— The Young People's Association of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Philadelphia, Pa., moved by a high regard for the president and pastor, the Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, whose withdrawal from active participation in the work of the church because of his removal to another field of labor is greatly deplored, recently adopted and presented to the pastor a set of resolutions expressing the high esteem in which he is held and wishing him success in his new work.

— A delightful reception was given the members of the East Pennsylvania Synod and their friends by the Young People's Union of Zion Lutheran Church of Harrisburg, Pa., on Sunday evening, September 25, after the meeting of the Synod had adjourned. The spacious lecture room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a programme of music and speechmaking was followed by an informal social, which was rendered especially pleasant by the serving to all present of ice cream and cake.

— Rev. T. W. Schmauk of Lebanon, Pa., read an excellent paper on "What It Means to be a Member of the Church of Christ," at the meeting of the Young People's Lutheran Association of Philadelphia, held on Monday evening, October 9, in the lecture room of St. Mark's Lutheran church. This paper was afterward discussed by pastors and members present.

— The large two manual pipe organ recently presented to Trinity Lutheran Church, Dannville, Pa., Rev. W. E. Roney, pastor, by the Young People's

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Luther Alliance of that church, was consecrated on October 8. Mr. E. D. Pentz, the president of the Alliance, presented the organ in a few well-chosen words. The pastor responded in the name of the congregation, thanking the association for the beautiful and useful gift, and hoping that the fruit of their past labors may prove to be an incentive to greater activity and usefulness in the vineyard of the blessed Lord and Master. The organ, which was made by A. B. Felgemaker, Erie, Pa., was then consecrated by Rev. D. M. Henkel, D.D., of Catawissa, Pa.

— Rev. A. L. Yount, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, at Greensburg, Pa., delivered a public lecture under the auspices of the Y. P. Luther Alliance in the auditorium of the church on the evening of October 31 at 8 p.m. Subject, "Luther as a Young Man," or "How Luther was Prepared to Become the Great Reformer." A collection was taken for the benefit of the Alliance. The choir rendered several anthems.

#### MISCELLANY.

— The committee appointed at the last General Council meeting in Buffalo, N. Y., on Young People's Societies, reported through its chairman, Rev. J. A. Kunkle, D.D., at the recent convention in Fort Wayne, Ind., in which the organization of Young People's Societies was strongly urged.

— The Junior Branch of Y. P. S. C. E. connected with the Third Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio, recently contributed quite a neat sum toward the church's apportionment for this year.

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— The young people of the Lutheran Church at Balaton, Minn., have lately erected a granite monument in memory of their deceased pastor, Rev. C. G. Nordström.

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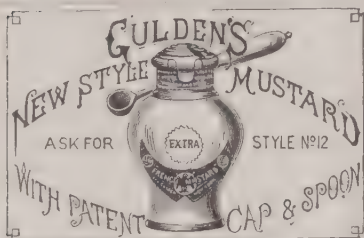
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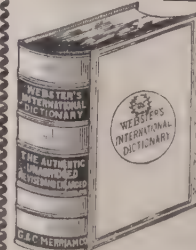
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## Capital University,

Capital University was founded in the year 1850. It was then, and is now, under the control of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as represented by the Joint Synod of Ohio. The object it has in view is a truly liberal education of young men, which can only take place where the fear of God and instruc-

perform its humble but important work in the now old Capital University Building (Park Hotel), in the northern part of the city of Columbus. Some years ago it was deemed advisable by the Synod to accept a very valuable and appropriate location immediately to the east of Columbus. The old college building was disposed of, and a new

In fact, it already forms a pleasant little suburb of the city, presenting, however, all the advantages of a quiet rural life. The university grounds are distant from the center of the city about three miles, and are easy of access, being situated on the old, well-known National Road. A street railway passes the doors of the institution, facilitating



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tion in His Word is made the ground work of all learning and wisdom. With this aim in view, and urged by the great necessity of a college as a preparatory school for young men who desire to study for the office of the holy ministry, this school was founded and connected with an older institution of learning—namely: "The German Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of the Joint Synod of Ohio." This connection it still preserves, retaining, however, its independent organization.

From 1853 the college continued to

and greatly improved edifice was erected on the 10-acre lot presented to the institution. This building having been overcrowded in recent years, a large and commodious hall with recitation rooms, library, chapel and laboratory was erected in 1891. Eight more acres were added to the campus several years ago, a gift from the alumni. A commodious boarding hall has been built in the immediate vicinity of the college, which, together with several residences of professors and a neat church, gives the whole location a lively and inviting appearance.

intercourse between Columbus and the college.

The university edifice affords accommodations for students—lecture rooms, society halls, and everything that can render such an institution attractive. The design is to have only two students occupy each room as a study and dormitory. These student rooms are large enough to afford all the necessary convenience to make them, for the time being, a pleasant home for the occupants.

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In history the endeavor is to conduct the student through a careful review of general and sacred history, to incite him to investigation and to give some insight into the philosophy of history.

Much attention is paid to the study of German, which extends through the preparatory and collegiate departments. Greek, Hebrew, sacred history, catechism, and, of course, German are taught mainly by means of the German language. It includes grammar, readings of the best selections in prose and poetry, declamation, history of German literature and composition. In order to do full justice to the needs and abilities of the pupils, a double course for the study of German has been arranged, which extends throughout the preparatory department and the college—namely, one course for those students who come to the institution with some knowledge of German, the other for those who are unfamiliar with it.

Through the whole course due attention is given to English literature and philosophy, embracing a course of composition, mental and moral science, logic and rhetoric. Pains are taken to train students to think clearly, and express their thoughts correctly.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon students who complete satisfactorily the above course. The Master's degree is conferred upon those only who have shown themselves worthy of the honor by literary work.

In the government of the institution the faculty keep in mind that most of the students are of an age which renders some substitute for parental superintendence absolutely necessary. Considering, therefore, the government of the students as a substitute for the regulations of home, they endeavor to

bring it as near to the character of parental control as the nature of the case will admit, and to attain this end not wholly or chiefly by constraint and dread of penalty, but by the influence of persuasion and kindness.

The students are required to attend prayers every morning and evening in the college chapel, and public worship on Sunday in one of the Lutheran churches, unless their parents or guardians direct otherwise.

The Theological Seminary, although an independent institution, as before explained, is, however, also controlled by the Joint Synod of Ohio, and being so closely identified with the university it is proper that suitable allusion should be made to it.

This institution has, with a few brief intermissions, been in successful operation since 1830. A very large proportion of the ministers representing the Lutheran Church in Ohio and on the borders of adjoining States were prepared for the ministry through its instrumentality. It is under the special control of a Board of Directors, but although this board constitutes a part of the Board of Trustees of Capital University, it has an independent organization, and regulates its own affairs.

The course in the seminary embraces a series of lectures in the usual branches of exegetical, historical, systematic and practical theology. In the selection of text books due reference is had to the original design of the institution as a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as its name implies and its constitution requires; the principles inculcated being those of the Lutheran Confession and Symbols. A special opportunity is afforded weekly for practical exercises in homiletics and kindred matters.

The German and English languages are both taught, and both are used as vehicles of instruction. This rule was adopted by the Board in accordance with the instructions of the Synod, the spirit and design of the founders and the actual wants of the Church. Thus the benefit of the lectures can be enjoyed by those conversant with either language.

### “Recognize and Organize”

BY REV. R. E. M'DANIEL, A.M., PH.D.

By this is meant to recognize the demands upon us as a Church in all of its departments of activity. Home missions is a field that is now being carefully cultivated and developed by systematic effort. Good results are seen and much encouragement gained thereby. This work will go on and increase in usefulness.

The foreign field is likewise receiving more attention than ever. It is right so to do. It is a duty we owe to ourselves

and God to do this work. It will continue to unfold as effort is made.

Other fields of benevolence are cultivated. Homes for the orphan and distressed are provided. This is right and necessary; a duty to be merciful and kind. This work is recognized by all, and the demands are met, as the numerous homes and hospitals testify.

The Sunday school department of the Church has its helps in lessons and song books, and much thought is given to it, and when recognized, improvement is and will be made along all lines of school work. Old systems will be discarded for new and better ones. What it will be no one can now tell, but the old one shows clearly signs of decay. A new, improved and more desirable one will take its place, and then we will wonder how we ever came to use and retain the old one.

All these wants have been recognized and organized. But what of the young people? What of the Luther Leagues that are springing up constantly? It is but the recognition that the latent forces—intellectual forces—are being aroused in our young people, and they propose to organize. They know many are lost to our dear Church by being swept into organizations of other churches, and they rightly say: “We will organize ourselves into Leagues all over this land, and finally into a National League, when we will muster our forces by the tens and hundreds of thousands.”

They recognize that in organization is power to save the scattered members. They have properly adopted “Luther's Coat of Arms” as their badge or emblem, and whenever seen in any form they will be recognized as Lutheran. What an inspiring thought to meditate upon, our three millions of young Lutherans organized! Grand army, indeed!

Dear reader, are you in a League? Do you recognize the power we would have in taking this land for Christ in the next quarter century? It can be done, but you must organize. Organize not for dress parade and to lie in the barracks, but to drill in the camp in order that you may be able to fight courageously and valiantly. A Lutheran banner must be planted on every hill and in every valley and on every plain in this land of ours. You say it can't be done? What! with our three millions of soldiers? Organized you can. Recognize our power and organize our forces. Yes, recognize and organize, then emphasize and spiritualize.—*Lutheran World*.

—The cornerstone of the new college of the Iowa Synod, at Clinton, Iowa, will be laid in the early part of this month.

### The Christian.

[Written for the "Luther League Review."]

The Christian is a man whose soul  
Seeks Heaven as its happy goal ;  
Who leads an honest, Christ-like life,  
Devoid of envy, fear and strife.

The Christian is a loving friend  
And strives to others to extend.  
A helping hand in time of need,  
Yet seeks no glory for the deed.

The Christian aims not to win fame ;  
His deeds are done in Jesus' name,  
And all his acts to him are naught  
Save that which Christ through him hath wrought.

He loves his Lord ; his faith is great,  
Though low and humble his estate.  
God's laws he would in love obey  
And from his heart cast sin away.

They are real Christians " who possess  
Their souls in patience " midst distress ;  
Who learn to trust their Lord, and then  
Proclaim Him to their fellow-men.

By faith alone the Christian's told,  
And not by countless gifts of gold  
Giv'n without love, nor yet by works  
In which a selfish spirit lurks.

The Christian name they truly wear  
Who learn through Christ the Cross to bear ;  
For outwardly it lies concealed,  
By Christ-like deeds alone revealed.

This name, though tarnished oft by sin,  
By foes without and guilt within,  
Is yet triumphant through His grace ;  
His blood will all its stains efface.

O ! Christian name, inspire our zeal  
That the dear Christ be our ideal !  
Likeness to Thee in us increase,  
O ! Lord ! our Lord ! Thou Prince of Peace.

CHARLES J. WINCIEZ.

### The Work of Lutheran Young People's Societies—A Church Work.\*

Just thirty years ago, in this month of November, there were assembled on the battle field of Gettysburg a number of representative citizens of our land. They met to dedicate a portion of that battle field as a final resting place for the honored dead who had poured out their life blood in the struggle for the nation's preservation and unity. Upon that occasion our great President, Abraham Lincoln, in delivering the dedicatory address, after having stated the purpose for which they were there assembled, gave utterance to the memorable words : "But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our power to add or to detract. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here . . . to the great task remaining before us ; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion ; that we here highly

resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain ; that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

We, too, are met to-day as it were upon a battle field. The day we celebrate is fraught with memories of a struggle grander in its character, nobler in its object, and more beneficent in its results than any war waged with the sword for the preservation of national existence or the enlargement of national territory. We will revive the memory of our fathers of the Reformation and do honor to those heroes of a great past. But we will not forget that by what they have done they are honored far above our poor powers to add or to detract, and that it is for us, the living, to be ever more dedicated to the great task before us, the task of carrying on the work they have begun, and especially of furthering the upbuilding of our glorious Evangelical Lutheran Church on the ground of the old faith in this new land. It is for this purpose that you, young Lutheran men and women, are leagued together. It should be with this end in view that we rally here to-night. If this, your movement, however, so auspiciously begun, so energetically pushed forward, is to continue in the right track and to be for the good of our dear Church, you must ever hold fast to the principle, that the work of Lutheran Young People's Societies to be efficient and for good should, paraphrasing the words before quoted, be a work of THE CHURCH, BY THE CHURCH, AND FOR THE CHURCH. It should be a work of the Church in the sense in which our Government is a government of the people—viz.: a work belonging to the Church. We should not look upon it as a movement outside of the Church and severed from Church connection ; that would be ruinous from the outset. Societies bearing such a relation to the Church would have no right to bear the name of the Church or to sail under its flag. Equally detrimental to the movement, as well as to the Church, would it be if this work were considered as a work *within* the Church, in the sense of the work of a class, of some particular number of persons in the Church who look upon themselves as having objects and aims other than, possibly in their estimation more important than, or necessary in order to give life and character to, the work of the Church. It should be a work neither outside, nor inside, nor alongside of the Church, but in the full sense belonging to the Church, and that, too, to the whole Church, not to any one part or division of it. In this latter conception of their work, I rejoice to say that your League has made a good beginning, one which opens a hopeful outlook toward

a better understanding and possibly a closer co-operation of the different parts of our dear Church in the future.

The Young People's work should at the same time be a work *by the Church*. Not that necessarily the authorities of the Church, ministers, congregations, synods, general bodies, should be in official charge of it ; it is a young people's movement and the young people are best qualified and fitted to conduct the same ; all, of course, with due regard to the rightful authorities. You and I may not sit in the legislative halls at Albany or in the halls of Congress at Washington, yet we claim to have a hand in the government of the people by the people, for we are of the people. In like manner, though the movement of the Luther Leagues be not in official connection with the official church bodies, it must still be true of it that it is a work by the Church. How can this be ? First, if the members of our Young People's Leagues fully identify themselves with the Church, if they are part and parcel of their respective congregations and a part and parcel that is not only to be found on paper, but if they are themselves active members of their Church, having its welfare at heart. Then, too, if those who are not young, who are not directly and actively engaged in this work, yet show themselves in helpful sympathy with it. So let ministers and members, young and old, join in making this their work, for is it not also, where properly understood, a work *for the Church* ?

That a movement of this kind should be for the Church—that is, for its benefit—would seem to be above any reasonable doubt. Yet it is just here that danger lurks. There is danger of magnifying the servant at the expense of the mistress. It must never be forgotten that any society existing in the Church dare not and must not attempt to replace the Church by itself. It must ever remain subordinate to the Church. Full society meetings, while the Church services are poorly attended ; "successful" entertainments, while the preaching of the Gospel is neglected ; large benefit funds, while the number of contributing church members from the ranks of the society is infinitesimal, are abnormalities not conducive to the building up of the Church, and therefore not to be tolerated. Nor should it ever be the case that a young man is so taken up with League work that he is no longer able to do his share of work in his own congregation. The Church first, then the League, and the League for the Church. But if even this erroneous estimate of the society in relation to the Church is to be deprecated, what shall we say of the cases where a society works against the Church ? Impossible ! Would it were impossible. Where a Church so-

\* Outline of an address, written from memory, delivered at the Luther Day Celebration of the Luther League of New York City, on November 10, 1893, by Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas of St. Mark's Church.

Has your Young People's Society sent in any subscriptions ? If not, urge them to do so. Liberal terms are offered.

ciety authorizes and institutes worldly entertainments of a doubtful character in direct contradiction of the preaching of the Church, is not this working against the Church? But how shall we work for the Church? In the first place by avoiding everything that might conflict with her aim, that of winning souls for Christ and of strengthening them in the faith. Then by making the society and the League a servant to the Church by inciting and encouraging the young people to become and be faithful, diligent and active members of their respective congregations, well grounded in the faith and abounding in good works.

If such be the case, then the Lutheran Church, in this land, too, not only will "not perish from the earth," but rather will grow and be strengthened to the salvation of many in the name of Him who liveth and reigneth from everlasting to everlasting, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### An Excellent Plan.

The English Lutheran Church at Jamestown, N. Y., Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, pastor, has what is called a Catechumen's Union. It consists of all those who have been confirmed in the church. It meets once a year, on the Friday evening before Passion Week. A special effort is then made to get together every one confirmed by the pastor of the church. A special programme is arranged. The work of the church and the duty of the confirmed members are discussed. There are a number of short papers and addresses on the work of the young people in the church. The exercises of the evening are thus calculated to awaken renewed interest, call up memories of the day of confirmation, and keep the young people loyal to their own church. The evening exercises are closed with a delightful supper and a social hour. It always proves to be one of the most enjoyable social gatherings of the year.

*The Christian Youth*, a Lutheran monthly for young people, and published by the United Norwegian Lutheran Church at Minneapolis, Minn., says: A number of flattering comments have been received from East to West on our advocacy of the Luther League. We feel duly thankful and elated. May we continue to deserve such comments. But the best comment to us would be to hear, before long, that our advocacy had taken effect in the organization of more local societies of Lutheran young people, and the coming together of these in a Western Luther League. Read, however, what is said about that meeting at Chicago, and you will notice that the "idea" is really coming West at no very slow gait. May it come still faster!

To get started may, at first, seem like uphill work, but it is better to be that than down hill.

### What Was Said of Our Easter Number.

Many encouraging letters have been received congratulating the publishers on the number of the REVIEW printed for April. We quote from some of them:

The Easter number of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW has pleased me very much. It manifests a spirit of enterprise that augurs success. The tone is loyally Lutheran, the matter good, the League work well set forth.—*Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D.D., Pres. General Synod*

I desire to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the copies received of your valuable paper. I am surprised that I have not known much about such a publication before, and trust you will kindly put me on your list.—*Rev. C. A. Swenson, Ph.D., Pres. General Council*

The Easter number makes a fine appearance and speaks well for your work.—*Rev. M. Loy, D.D., Pres. Ohio Joint Synod*

The REVIEW has been a most welcome visitor to my study, but the Easter number commanded special attention and applause. It is a wide awake journal and fairly in the lead of the great movement of the young people of our Lutheran Church. I predict for it a wide circulation and a career of great usefulness. It is leading the way in the solution of the problem of "practical co-operation."—*Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Pres. United Synod South*

The Easter number of the REVIEW is not only up to the usual excellent standard, but of such extraordinary merit that it deserves a special word of recognition and praise. Its bright and practical articles, its timely and pointed comments, its wide range of interesting news secure for it a high rank not only among Lutheran papers, but also among the entire religious press. In its line as a young people's paper it is unsurpassed. And I say this from a wide acquaintance with the religious press of our country. The spirit of the REVIEW is a strong testimony of the resurrection power of Christ manifesting itself among the young Lutherans as a power of life, peace and love.—*Rev. J. A. W. Haas, Grace Church, New York City*

The Easter number was most admirable in every way. The literary ability, not only in this number but in its various issues, never fails to surprise me, inasmuch as its editors are not ministers or professional writers, and the positive Lutheran tone of the paper is the best feature of all. The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, like the Luther League, is one of the most powerful agencies in the forward march of Lutheranism, and I trust its circulation and influence will extend throughout the whole Church.—*Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., St. James' Church, New York City*

The color of the outer garment of your fine number of the REVIEW, that is above all others the organ of the young people of our Church, is the color of the Epiphany season, the youngest of the seasons. It is a color that speaks of young life, and the twenty pages of this number abound with the evidences of the life that is everywhere stirring among the young people of our dear old Lutheran Church, a life that has, to a very large extent, been stimulated by your REVIEW. It is doing good work in rallying our young people around the grand old flag of our Church, and the Easter number may well be welcomed as an earnest of what it proposes to do in the future.—*Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., Holy Trinity Church, New York City*

Allow me to congratulate you on the progress you have made in the publication of the REVIEW. Ever since it first appeared I have read its successive numbers with increasing interest. I believe the movement of which it is the banner is one of the most significant and important of this generation. The organization of the young people of the Lutheran Church and their proper training in church life and church work will, I

believe, contribute materially to the upbuilding and strengthening of our Lutheran faith.—*Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., Christ Church, New York City*

The Easter number was a most grateful surprise. In matter and form, comprehensiveness and compactness, it follows no precedent and scarcely leaves room for an ideal along the line of progressive Lutheran papers. I wish a copy could be placed in every Lutheran home throughout our country.—*Rev. J. Luther Sibole, St. Luke's, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The Easter number of the REVIEW was an evidence of something real and hopeful. The young people of the Lutheran Church are manifestly up and doing, and their leaders who have shown such indomitable perseverance in pushing the cause to the front and making each number of the REVIEW worthy of the cause they represent, deserve general encouragement.—*Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, D.D., Chicago, Ill.*

The Easter number of the REVIEW is fine. It is full of interesting and instructive articles. A most excellent one is that on the "Lutheran Synods and their Presidents," which has been prepared with great care and impartiality. The editors deserve great credit for the enterprise and painstaking care they show in the publication of the REVIEW. It is to be recommended to all our young people.—*Rev. J. Nicum, Rochester, N. Y.*

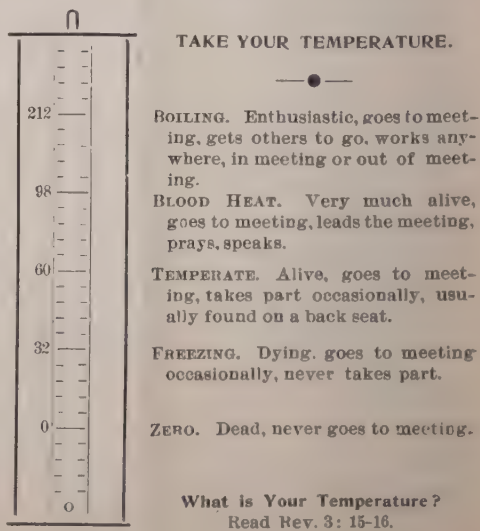
The number reflects much credit upon the editors and the cause to which it is devoted. The first page always has an excellent engraving, but the portraits of the present honored Presidents of the General Lutheran bodies in this country were of more than general interest, and to look at their cheerful and intelligent faces made one feel proud of the Lutheran Church. We congratulate the editor on this most excellent choice for a frontispiece. As one reads the paper he must admire its thoroughly Lutheran policy. It is deserving of the widest circulation among the young people of the whole Lutheran Church in this country.—*Rev. J. J. Young, D.D., St. John's, New York City*

The Easter number of the REVIEW is hegemonic in Lutheran newspaperdom.—*Rev. E. L. Miller, Scranton.*

The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW in form, paper, typography and subject matter is all that reasonable folks could ask or desire. It has a field and is thoroughly adapted to it. It is a call to young Lutherans to get together and mass their forces for the glory of God and the prosperity of the Church. It breathes a spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm for the Lutheran Church.—*Rev. W. H. Singley, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.*

### A Spiritual Thermometer.

An exchange says that a Young People's Society in Illinois prints the following on its programme for meetings:



# Luther League of Pennsylvania.

## Luther League of the State of Pennsylvania.

A preliminary meeting of delegates from the District Luther Leagues of Pennsylvania was held in St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, March 27, 1894. The object of this meeting was the issuance of a call for a convention to organize a Luther League of the State of Pennsylvania.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. J. E. Whitteker of Easton, who was then chosen chairman of the meeting, and Mr. H. L. Hungerford of Wilkes-Barre, secretary.

The following were present: Mrs. F. H. Blessing, Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassaday, Miss Imogene Ginkenger, Mr. F. W. Bauer, Mr. Wm. C. Stoever, Mr. F. A. Hartranft, Mr. Chas. O. Faist, Mr. J. M. Snyder, Rev. J. Luther Sibole of Philadelphia; Rev. F. F. Fry, Bethlehem; Rev. W. H. Singley, Harrisburg; Rev. I. C. Hoffman, Chester, Pa.; Rev. E. L. Miller, Scranton; Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Easton; Mr. Geo. D. Boschen, New York; Mr. H. L. Hungerford, Wilkes-Barre.

The chairman called for any remarks of interest bearing on the object of the meeting, to which a number of the delegates responded, showing that the societies which they represented were all heartily in favor of the State Organization. A number of the pastors present spoke of the success of the societies in their parishes, all encouraging. It was decided to extend an invitation to all young Lutherans in the State, regardless of synodical connection. Mr. Stoever of Philadelphia reported a resolution adopted by the Central of Philadelphia as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Philadelphia Luther League extend a hearty and cordial invitation to the various Leagues in Pennsylvania to send delegates to Philadelphia to meet in St. Luke's Church, Seventh street and Montgomery avenue, on Thursday, May 31, 1894, for the organization of a State League.

Mr. Boschen of the Luther League of New York State spoke of the success which had attended their efforts in that State, and offered any assistance that that body might be able to give to the State League of Pennsylvania.

On a motion Rev. Mr. Sibole read letters from Greensburg, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Greenville and Scottsdale, all advocating strongly the formation of a State League.

Dr. Singley of Harrisburg made a number of very interesting remarks on the situation at and near Harrisburg, and also stated that the movement receives the hearty indorsement of the pastors in that section. Dr. Singley then

extended a cordial invitation to meet in his church, the Bethlehem Tabernacle, to form the State League of Pennsylvania.

A motion to hold this meeting at 2 p.m., June 25 and 26, was offered and carried, as June 25 is an historical date owing to its connection with the Augsburg Confession.

After a friendly discussion as to the best place for holding the State League Convention, it was deemed advisable that the Harrisburg invitation be accepted, and a motion to that effect was unanimously carried, the Philadelphia delegates showing their allegiance to the best interests of the work by unanimously voting in its favor.

The following preamble and resolution were then offered and unanimously carried:

*Whereas*, We, the representatives of associations of young Lutherans of the State of Pennsylvania, assembled in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, March 27, 1894, believe it to be desirable that a Luther League of the State of Pennsylvania be formed; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we issue a call to effect the same, the basis of representation to be fixed at five delegates for each Central League and three for each young people's organization.

Dr. Singley was appointed chairman of a committee on arrangements, and the chairman of this meeting empowered to appoint a committee on programme.

Prayer and the benediction followed.

## Call for a State League of Pennsylvania.

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In accordance with the above resolution we hereby issue a call for a State Luther League convention, to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., June 25 and 26, 1894, and urge that Central Leagues call special meetings to elect delegates in case the regular meeting will be held after the above date. It should be remembered that all societies, whether they belong to a Central or not, are entitled to and requested to send three delegates.

REV. J. E. WHITTEKER, Chairman  
Attest:

H. L. HUNGERFORD, Secretary.

## Luther League of Philadelphia, Pa.

A meeting of the local League was held on the evening of March 27 in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Rev. Wm. M. Baum, D.D., pastor.

Besides disposing of general routine business, as well as the selection of delegates to the State convention, some interesting addresses were made by the visiting clergymen—viz., Rev. W. H. Singley, D.D., of Harrisburg; Rev. J. E. Whitteker of Easton, and Rev. T. B. Roth of Greenville. Mr. George D. Boschen of New York City was also called upon for some remarks.

Dr. Singley spoke of the basis upon which we must unite to become a power in the world. This is an age in which we must unite on the basis of practical Christian work. Uniting in such a way for the accomplishment of a good purpose, we will impress our piety and doctrine upon all men and compel recognition from every part of the Christian Church. We will be a power, for we have the gospel of faith and hope, the gospel of energy, the gospel of noble daring. Our Church will stand forth yet more bright, glorious and grand in the next century.

The theme of the address of Rev. J. E. Whitteker of Easton was that we, like St. Paul, must have one purpose in view, and say with him: "This one thing I do!" What we need is, first, consecration, then concentration. We must not become members of the Luther League for the fun we can get out of it, but for the work we can put into it. If we organize for effort, and not for nonsense, we will, at the last, have satisfaction in our work. Young people are ready, heart and hand, to carry on this work, but give them work to correspond with their years and their capacity.

Rev. T. B. Roth of Thiel College spoke of the vast amount of good that can be accomplished by centralizing our efforts. We must centralize, but a grand, noble purpose must underlie it. We must organize upon religious principles.

## Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

The next meeting of this League will be held at Erie on Thursday and Friday, June 28 and 29, in the church of Rev. I. O. Baker's congregation.

As decided at the last convention held at Butler, a circular is now being issued and is to be sent to all the Lutheran congregations of the district, giving the object of the League and inclosing a copy of the constitution. It is hoped that all pastors will urge their societies to send delegates. Let those who have no societies organize at once.

Every  
Young  
People's  
Society in  
Pennsylvania  
should be  
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at the State  
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on June 25-  
26 at Harris-  
burg.  
Elect your  
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## Comments.

The many letters of approval we have received, bestowing upon the Easter number of the REVIEW kindly expressions of commendation, is a source of gratification and delight to the editors, and more than compensates them for the many trials, labors, difficulties and disappointments of the past.

From the inquiries received concerning Luther League work and the general interest aroused in the movement, we take it that the labor of sending out such a large edition was not in vain, but that the results attained will more than pay for the trouble.

However, it may be possible that some of the pastors and others who received the REVIEW for the first time last month did not have the opportunity of carefully examining the cause it represented. We have, therefore, decided to again address them through this number, with a view to enlisting their co-operation in the League work and pressing home to their hearts the utmost necessity of helping forward the mighty interests involved in that movement.

Now is the time for our young people's societies to be unusually on the alert, lest the patient work of the clergy fail to bring forth the expected fruit. The work of gathering the newly confirmed into Leagues is especially theirs.

It is the function of these societies to provide work for willing hands, to arouse lagging interest, to meet the young upon a common level and to en-

courage, by precept and example, a more firm allegiance to the Church. A church in which a League does not exist need have no excuse for not having one. The nucleus for one is right at hand in the catechetical class

A pastor's duty does not end with the rite of confirmation. It has just commenced. Work must be provided for the young converts, for an idle mind is the devil's workshop. The pastors should take the initiative in forming societies in churches in which there are none, and encouraging those already in existence to still greater deeds of usefulness for our Master and our Church. We believe the time is not far distant when the Lutherans of all shades will swell with pride at beholding the mighty hosts of their young people marching forth conquering and to conquer, waving proudly aloft the glorious and inspiring banner of the Reformation.

The recent Easter accessions have been unusually large, and the responsibility of their being "steadfast in the faith" and becoming active and devoted church workers rests equally upon them and the members of the church into which they have been received. The new converts should feel and be made to feel that they are part and parcel of the congregation. The older members should extend a cordial welcome and make it apparent that their help is needed. It does not take many repulses to chill the most ardent spirit, and it takes but little encouragement to make our converts of incalculable benefit to our churches. A pleasant nod, a friendly greeting, a word fitly spoken, a loving task given, will kindle many a retiring and sensitive spirit into the most ardent and devoted worker.

The future of our Lutheran Church will be what we make it; nothing more, nothing less. Its prosperity will greatly depend upon the unselfish loyalty and consecrated efforts of her young people.

We have a magnificent faith, an unalterable confession, as a foundation, as impregnable as Gibraltar itself, upon which has been reared a symmetrical superstructure.

But of what use is all this if we fail to take advantage of what we already have and neglect opportunities to main-

tain a wide awake, active, vigilant and growing constituency, one that with charity, patience and courage will propel the good ship of Lutheranism into the forefront among the Protestant denominations of the world, a position which is due her, and which, with care, we believe she is yet destined to attain? Croaking and complaining on the part of some about lack of interest, decrying the efforts of our people as futile, fault-finding with our Church and people, will not do. Those who are guilty of these generally expect to find in others what does not exist in themselves.

Those who are most anxious for the future glory of our Church should not be distressed by the inaction of their wavering brethren, but press all the more vigorously on, in faith believing "that in due season they shall reap if they faint not."

We believe that one of the most inspiring and auspicious signs on the Lutheran horizon will be the gathering in convention of the hosts of Luther League delegates from the State of New York, at Rochester, on the 29th and 30th inst.

May the spirit of concord, unity and fraternal love dominate its proceedings, and may the blessing of God be upon it, so that its labors may redound to His highest glory, and to the best interests of our beloved Church.

No less important, however, will be the convention for which a call has been issued to organize a Luther League of Pennsylvania. The Keystone State, with the largest Lutheran membership of any State in the Union, ought to send to Harrisburg, its capital, on June 25 and 26, a grand army of young people, who no doubt will organize a League of which the Church may well be proud.

## CHURCH CALENDAR.

May 6.—Sixth Sunday after Easter—Gospel, John 15, 26—16, 4; Epistle, 1 Peter 4, 8—11.

May 13.—Whitsunday or Pentecost—Gospel, John 14, 23—31; Epistle, Acts 2, 1—13.

May 20.—Trinity Sunday—Gospel, John 3, 1—15; Epistle, Romans 11, 33—36.

May 27.—First Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Luke 16, 19—31; Epistle, 1 John 4, 16—21.

Luther Leaguers in New York State should turn out in large numbers for the Convention at Rochester, on May 29-30. It promises to be an enthusiastic meeting.

# AMONG THE CHURCHES.

## NEW YORK CITY.

— Holy Trinity congregation, of which Rev. Dr. Krotel is pastor, at a meeting held recently discussed the advisability of establishing a new English Lutheran congregation in the upper part of the city on the west side. This was strongly urged by many of those present, but it was decided that as a corporation they could not pledge themselves, but as individuals it would be given hearty support. A committee of five, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Miller, George H. Moller, H. Masemann, Wm. Pickhardt and H. Schwabeland, was appointed to act with other Lutherans in the organization of a congregation. Substantial support has already been offered, and it seems probable that the project will be successfully developed in the near future.

— Rev. H. Rippe, who was formerly pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Robbins avenue and 150th street, has, with the assistance of a number of people who were formerly members of St. John's Lutheran Church, East 119th street, started a new church at Forest avenue and 165th street, and seems to be meeting with success. The services and Sunday school are held in a vacant store at present.

— The steamer "Westernland" had among its passengers on March 28 two more candidates for the deaconess work, Miss Emma Stein of Richmond, Ind., and Miss Jennie Christ of Peabody, Kan. They will pursue a course of study and training at Kaiserwerth Seminary. Two other Americans, Miss Shaffer of Delaware, Ohio, and Miss Eyster of Hanover, Pa., have been there for nearly a year, engaged in fitting themselves for the work which is to be carried on under the auspices of the General Synod. Another candidate is pursuing her course of preparation in Philadelphia, and several additional applications are pending. The President of the Board, Rev. Dr. Wenner of New York, will be glad to correspond with any one desiring information on the subject.

— The annual festival of the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, at Mount Vernon, will be held on Wednesday, May 30, Decoration Day.

— Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, the pastor of St. Peter's Church, left New York on March 27 for an extended trip abroad, and is expected to be gone until the latter part of October. He intends to visit all Palestine, including Galilee and Syria, also Constantinople, Athens, and will remain some months in Italy. During the latter part of last month he was at Cairo, Egypt.

— During the winter 145 families were provided with food and clothing by the Immanuel Lutheran congregation, Eighty-eighth street and Lexington avenue, Rev. L. Halfman, pastor. The distribution occurred on every Monday in the basement of the church, and was under the supervision of the Ladies' Society and officers of the church. Over \$600 was expended for this purpose.

— An elegant baptismal font of Italian marble was dedicated in Epiphany Church on Easter Sunday. This was purchased by contributions received through the efforts of three ladies of the congregation—viz., Mrs. E. L. Bird, Miss Hoppe, and Miss Van Reed, and with a few exceptions were entirely from friends outside of the congregation. Two beautiful brass vases for the altar as well as new altar vestments in white and gold were received recently from members of the congregation. These, in addition to the improvements made in the interior and outside appearance of the church through the liberality of Mr. Christian Brandt and his two sons, add much to its beauty.

## BROOKLYN.

— St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, pastor J. P. Beyer, on Maujer street between Graham avenue and Humboldt street, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on Thursday evening, May 20.

— The Norwegian Lutheran Trinity congregation, in Twenty-seventh street, South Brooklyn, dedicated a new house of worship on Sunday, April 8. Rev. S. Hoyme, president of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, officiated. The church is a substantial frame structure with brick basement, 40 x 68 feet. The pastor, the Rev. A. J. Hegee, is a director and chaplain of the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconesses Home and Hospital.

— Hastings & Hook Company, builders of church organs, at Boston and New York, have just taken an order from Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D., for a large three-manual organ to be placed in the new Swedish Lutheran Bethlehem Church as soon as the edifice is completed in the fall.

— The congregation of Zion's Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, pastor, have purchased a parsonage at 132 Henry street, nearly opposite the church. This congregation now owns property valued at \$100,000, and is entirely free from debt.

— St. Peter's congregation, on Bedford avenue, Rev. J. J. Heischmann, pastor, enjoyed the largest communion in the

history of the congregation during the recent Easter holidays. On Good Friday evening there were 913 communicants and on Easter Sunday morning 331 additional. The congregation now numbers 1,735 members.

— St. Paul's German Lutheran Church, Rev. J. F. Flath, pastor, is steadily gaining in membership. Eight families were received at the January meeting and \$300 was paid on the church debt. There are 185 children and 16 teachers in the Sunday school and 30 children in the parochial school.

— Pastor Jacob W. Loch of the German Evangelical Congregation expects to spend his vacation this year in Germany, Switzerland, France and England, leaving on the 26th of May and returning by October 1. Rev. C. Leisz of Germany will supply the pulpit during the four months.

— It has been decided to have another English Lutheran church in the eastern district of Brooklyn. The meeting held for this purpose occurred on April 18. Messrs. Geo. P. Moller, John Behre and E. Claussen are among the prominent persons identified with the new congregation, which is the outgrowth of the English evening services at St. Paul's Church, Rev. H. B. Strodach, pastor. This new congregation has its expenses for the first year assured and the prospects are bright for a useful career. Services will be held for the present in the Sunday school room of the Ross Street Presbyterian Church.

## NEW YORK STATE.

— Rev. C. F. Tieman has resigned his charges at Ghent and North Hillsdale, N. Y., and will accept a call to John-sonburg, Pa.

— Rev. W. H. Luckenbach, D.D., after serving the Lutheran Church at Viewmonte, N. Y., for 16 years, has tendered his resignation to the congregation, to take effect the last Sunday in June. The Doctor intends to make the city of Hudson his home for a season for the purpose of rest and recuperation.

— Rev. I. J. Delo, formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, accepted the call of the Lutheran Church at Athens, N. Y., and began work at that place on April 1. The charge was previously served by Rev. D. W. Lawrence.

— A circular has been issued by the Council of the First Lutheran Church of Albany, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Heindel, pastor, giving a detailed statement of the finances of the church for the past two years. It shows that during the time

the congregation raised \$5,768 over the current expenses for improvements to the church and parsonage property. At present there is no deficiency in the treasuries of any of the departments of church work.

— It was recently decided by the Committee of Arrangements to hold the annual reunion of Lutherans of New York at Altamont during the second week of June. Rev. Dr. Billheimer of Pennsylvania College and Rev. H. B. Strodach of Brooklyn will probably be the speakers.

— Rev. Mr. Flierl assumed his new charge as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, at Albany, on April 8.

— Rev. G. M. Heindel, D.D., pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Albany, N. Y., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement exercises of Hartwick Seminary.

— Rev. H. W. Hoffman of Albany has again been selected as one of the speakers at the meeting of the New York Ministerium, at Buffalo, May 31.

— Rev. J. C. Schindel of Fayette, N. Y., has resigned.

— Rev. A. M. Whetstone, pastor of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church at Gloversville, N. Y., died on March 28, 1894, aged 56 years. He was a man of worth and integrity, and his loss is severely felt by his young congregation. Rev. Mr. Whetstone took an active part in the first convention of the Luther League of New York, last May.

— Rev. Frank W. Klingensmith, who was called to succeed Rev. T. B. Roth as pastor of the Church of the Redeemer at Utica, N. Y., entered upon his duties in that congregation on Sunday, April 22. Although this charge has been vacant for nearly a year, services have been held regularly and there has been no decrease in attendance.

— The officers of Grace Lutheran congregation at Rochester, N. Y., Rev. W. L. Hunton, pastor, are discussing plans for enlarging their present church building. The congregation is becoming too large for its present quarters.

#### NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.

— St. Trinitatis Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. R. A. Hafer, pastor, was recently presented with a peal of three bells by members of the congregation, viz.: Bell A by Mrs. Rohrsen and children, bell C by Mr. and Mrs. Franz, and bell E by Mr. and Mrs. Heinsohn. The bells will be dedicated on May 20. A beautiful memorial window was also presented by Mrs. A. Kattenhorn and children.

During the last two years the congregation has paid off \$1,150 of the church debt and \$500 in final payment of the organ.

— The Lutheran Church at Elizabeth, N. J., has received a bequest of \$1,288.

— A handsome baptismal font of Tennessee marble was presented to the Lutheran Church of the Atonement at Asbury Park on Easter Sunday by the Sunday school. The pastor, Rev. H. Douglas Spaeth, recently conducted German services at Freehold, N. J., which seems to be an excellent field for a German Lutheran congregation.

— The seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Sunday school of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., pastor, occurred on March 26. A special programme had been prepared and the chapel was elaborately decorated for the occasion. Hon. Geo. D. McCreary, Treasurer of the city of Philadelphia, delivered an address.

— A complete set of altar and pulpit covers, comprising 15 pieces of variegated colors for the different seasons of the year, was presented to St. Johannes German Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Revs. A. Spaeth, D.D., and G. C. Eisenhardt, pastors, by the young people confirmed in the church during the past 25 years.

— On Palm Sunday an English Lutheran Church of 35 members was organized at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Some of the most prominent people in the city are connected with the church.

— The Easter session of the Academy of Lutheran Church History was held in the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa., on March 28. The following papers were read: "Sources of Information Concerning the Lutheran Church in America," by Rev. Dr. Morris; "The Education of a Minister by Private Tutors before the Establishment of Theological Seminaries," Rev. Dr. Sadtler; "The Influence of Language in Modifying the Early History of the Lutheran Church in New York City," Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.; "The English Hymnology in the Lutheran Church in America," Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D.D.; "The Economics of the Lutheran Church in America," Professor Graebner; "The Early History of the Lutheran Church in Reading," Rev. J. Fry, D.D.; "Influences of Rationalism in the Lutheran Church of America," Rev. G. F. Spieker, D.D.; "The Causes of the Extinction of Lutheranism in the Swedish Churches on the Delaware in the Eighteenth Century," Rev. S. E. Ochsenford.

#### MISCELLANY.

— The cornerstone of the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Conn., was laid on Sunday, April 22. The speakers on this occasion were Revs. R. Lucas, J. A. Timm of New Haven, and John A. W. Haas of New York. The history of the congregation was read by the pastor, Rev. J. Witke, who also conducted the services pertaining to the laying of the cornerstone.

— On Sunday, April 8, the First Lutheran Church at San Diego, Cal., Rev. C. W. Maggart, pastor, was formally dedicated. This church is familiarly known as the Young People's Memorial Church.

— It is expected that at the silver jubilee in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Mission Boards of the General Synod to be held at York, Pa., on May 16, 17 and 18, there will be one of the largest gatherings of Lutherans in the history of the General Synod. Eminent speakers from all sections of the country intend to participate.

— The Columbus conference of the Ohio Joint Synod met at Springfield, Ohio, on March 27 and 28. Interest centered in a thesis prepared by Rev. Simon on "A Basis of Lutheran Union." The question was thoroughly discussed in an all-day session and resulted in the adoption of five theses embodying the views of the conference on this question.

— Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, who died on March 20 in the ninety-second year of his age, came from a Lutheran family and professed that faith until his death. At his funeral a Lutheran clergyman officiated.

— Little Lindsborg, in Kansas, is getting to be quite a college town. The total enrollment so far this year at Bethany is 411.

— New church edifices are contemplated or in the course of erection by Lutheran congregations at Red Lion, Martinsburg, Harrisburg, Mt. Carmel, Moselsum, Hellam, Railroad and Kutztown, in the State of Pennsylvania; Waterbury, Conn.; Louisville, Ky.; Cumberland, Md.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Cincinnati, Ohio; Farmington, N. Y.

— Lutheran congregations at the following places recently dedicated new houses of worship: Orwigsburg, Pa.; South Brooklyn, N. Y.; San Diego and Pasadena, Cal.; Altoona, Pa.; Hughesville, Pa.

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# LUTHER LEAGUE.

— The indications are that the second convention of the Luther League of New York will be an event long to be remembered by the Lutherans of the Empire State. The excellent arrangements made by the Leaguers of Rochester, as well as the rousing reception they promise the delegates and the enthusiasm which seems to prevail all along the line, are indeed promising for an excellent meeting. If your society has not elected delegates, let them do so at once, so that entertainment can be provided. All will be cared for by the Rochester friends.

— Pennsylvania does not intend that New York shall lead it very much longer, for on June 25-26 (as announced elsewhere in this issue) they will form a State League at Harrisburg, and well may the New Yorkers be up and doing or else their membership of 7,000 will be surpassed, for Lutherans seem to abound everywhere in Pennsylvania, and it would not be a surprise if the new organization started out with over 10,000. The stronger the better; let us provoke one another unto good works.

— A general sentiment in favor of the Luther League has been aroused in Ohio, and the indications are that with a little encouragement District Leagues could be established at Springfield, Cincinnati, Mansfield and Canton. The President of the Luther League of New York State has been invited to attend the meeting at Troy, Ohio, on May 9, 10 and 11, where the Young People's Union, formed in that district a year ago, will meet. At a meeting to be held in Wadsworth early in May it is expected a District League for East Ohio will be formed.

## NEW YORK CITY.

— The Luther League of St. James' Church is doing quiet, but effective work, and is proving itself an important factor in the well being of the Church. A reception to the congregation and the newly confirmed will be held early in May, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

— The most successful entertainment ever held in the annals of the St. Lucas' Young Men's Union took place at Lyric Hall on April 3, 1894. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and from all sides words of commendation were heard upon the programme presented. Considering the many obstacles the society had to contend with, they are to be congratulated upon the overwhelming success attained on this occasion and the splendid addition made to their building fund.

— The receipts for the self denial week collection of St. Mark's Y. M. A.

were about \$13. This amount will be turned into the poor fund of the congregation.

— St. John's Social Union supplemented the celebration of its tenth anniversary, held in their church a few weeks ago, by having a social evening on Tuesday, April 17, to which all members of the various organizations connected with the congregation were invited. The main room of the Sunday school building was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and besides well selected musical parts the programme consisted of addresses by the president, Mr. Charles Drewes, Mr. Frank A. Schmidt, first president of the Union, and the pastor, Dr. J. J. Young. A collation was served by the ladies of the Luther Alliance.

— Considerable interest is being taken by the members of the Young People's Society of the Gustavus Adolphus Church in raising an organ fund. Many eminent artists have volunteered their services for a concert to be given for this purpose. The officers of the congregation showed their appreciation of the efforts of the young people in a letter read at the last meeting. They particularly commended the work of holding the young people to the Church.

— Dr. Luther E. Albert of Germantown, Pa., was the speaker at the anniversary of Euodia, the Young Ladies' Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, New York, March 19. His text was, "Stir up the gift that is within thee."

— The Young Ladies' Social Society of the English Church of the Holy Trinity gave an entertainment on Tuesday, April 17, in the Sunday school room. It was well attended and proved a great success. This society was started three years ago with a membership of 17, and now has 30 members. The officers for this year are: President, Miss Dora G. Maseman; vice-president, Miss Henrietta Ranges; secretary, Miss Minnie H. Fausner; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma C. Brunie, and treasurer, Miss Belle Roll-wagon. This organization recently contributed \$500 to the fund for the establishment of a Lutheran congregation on the West Side.

— The annual meeting of the St. John's Social Union occurred on April 3, when officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: President, Chas. Drewes; vice-president, Chas. E. Conway; recording secretary, John H. Meyer; corresponding secretary, Henry Asendorf; financial secretary, Henry Menken; treasurer, Wm. C. Otten.

## BROOKLYN.

— A meeting of the Luther League of Brooklyn was held in the lecture room of St. Peter's Church on April 23. The Credential Committee reported the application of the Young People's Association of St. John's Church, Greenpoint, and upon vote the society was admitted as a member of the League. The Executive Committee reported the advisability of abolishing the March convention, and recommended the holding of one convention in each year on November 10, to be known as Luther Day Celebration. An amendment to the constitution in this sense was proposed. Mr. Henry Bruning was elected recording secretary to succeed Mr. Rudolph Reimer, Jr., resigned. The president was empowered to appoint five delegates at large to represent the League at Rochester on May 30, and after a general discussion on the coming State convention the meeting was adjourned.

— The Young People's Association of St. Matthew's Church conducted a mock trial, known as the Umbrella Case, on Friday evening, April 27, before the members of their society, and will repeat the same at an early date as a public entertainment.

— The annual meeting and election of officers of the Zion's Young Men's Luther League will be held on Monday evening, May 7. All the young men of the church, especially those just confirmed, will be invited to a special meeting and entertainment on Monday evening, May 21. Alfred Mettler and John H. Meyer have been appointed to represent the Zion's League at the State convention.

— An excellent illustrated lecture on the World's Fair by Mr. C. C. Hine was given under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the German Evangelical Church on April 12. The proceeds will be used to pay for the large stained glass window which the society presented to the church some time ago.

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—The Young People's Society of Emmanuel Church gave a reception to the newly confirmed and the friends of the members on April 18, in commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the society. Addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. Emil Roth, the president, Mr. Fred. L. Rath and Mr. Alfred Mettler of the Luther League of Brooklyn. The society is in a very prosperous condition, numbering over 100 members.

—At the meeting of St. Peter's Luther League held on April 9, the president, Mr. Henry Bahrenburg, extended a hearty invitation to the newly confirmed young men to become members of the organization. The occasion was the annual Easter Festival of the League and it was well attended. It is expected that over 40 new names will be added to the membership at the next meeting.

—The Young People's Society of the Swedish Bethlehem congregation contributed \$1,000 to the church's Building Fund during the past year.

#### NEW YORK STATE.

—The Executive Committee of the Central Association of Lutheran Young People's Associations of Rhinebeck and vicinity has not yet decided upon a place to hold the next convention in June. The announcement in the report of the last convention that it would be held in Viewmonte was an error.

—A Young Men's Society has been organized in Rev. C. J. G. Drechsler's congregation, at Newburg, N. Y.

—Notwithstanding the fact that the Church of the Redeemer, at Utica, N. Y., was without a pastor for nearly a year, the Luther League as well as the congregation has kept actively at work. The League has made considerable progress during that time, and now numbers nearly 200 members. With their new pastor now among them it is hoped that by the next meeting the number will go beyond the 200 mark.

—Great interest is being taken by Lutherans of Rochester, N. Y., in the plan started by the Young Men's Association of the Church of the Reformation to erect a new church edifice.

—The Young People's Association of St. John's Lutheran Church, at Albany, N. Y., held a very interesting meeting on April 19. After an entertaining programme had been carried out a reception was tendered to the recently confirmed members, who numbered about 40. Representatives from neighboring Young People's Societies were present. The association has changed its name to Luther League.

The Young People's Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Albany, N. Y., gave an entertainment and social in the

lecture room of the church on April 17. Literary exercises, including an address by the pastor, Rev. G. Fr. Stutz, was the order of the evening.

—At the annual meeting of the Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Albany, Mr. Wm. Winters was elected president.

—The Young People's Society of St. John's Lutheran Church of Buffalo, N. Y., has fallen into line and adopted the name of Luther League.

—The Young People's Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Liverpool, N. Y., Rev. John A. Weyl, pastor, organized about two years ago, has a membership of 32. At the last anniversary held during January Rev. J. Steinhauser of Rochester was present and made some very valuable suggestions. The services were very impressive and proved the means of securing a number of new members who had previously felt reluctant about joining the society.

#### NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.

—The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement at Asbury Park, N. J., is raising a fund to assist in paying off the debt of the church. A sociable was recently held, the proceeds of which were devoted to that purpose.

—The new officers of St. Peter's Luther League of South Bethlehem, Pa., are: Archibald C. Schenk, president; John K. Stauffer, vice-president; Elmer Rice, secretary; William Getz financial secretary; George A. Hiskey, treasurer; Minnie Gradwohl, organist; Florence Grim, assistant organist; Claude Kuhns, Charles Stauffer, Willis Stauffer, George Nicholas, ushers. The election of Edgar F. Cyphers, the ex-president, to the presidency of the Central Luther League of Allentown, has added a new impetus to the activity of the society.

—The Martin Luther Society of St. James' Lutheran Church, Altoona, Pa., Rev. John Mueller, pastor, was reorganized recently with a membership of 58. At the second meeting 13 new members were added, making a total of 71. The new society will make every effort to organize a Luther League for Altoona and vicinity.

—The Young People's Society of St. John's Church, at Mahoning City, Pa., Rev. J. D. Zimmerman, pastor, held a sunrise consecration meeting at 6 o'clock on Easter morning. At 3.15 p.m., same day, the Young Men's League held special services.

—The work of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Lutheran Church at Kingston, Pa., is a source of great encouragement to the pastor, Rev. H. R. Fleck. The society is two years old and has at present

about 90 members. The Good Literature Committee is especially active in spreading Church and religious papers.

—The young men of the Lutheran Church at Springtown, Pa., Rev. O. H. Melchor, pastor, have agreed to contribute \$25 per annum to support a student of the India Mission. The young men of the Durham congregation of the same charge have also agreed to contribute a like amount.

—Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., of Greensburg, Pa., delivered one of his eloquent, interesting and instructive lectures in the Lutheran Church of Derry Station, Pa., March 8, before the Mission Band, which was celebrating its first anniversary, and the Luther Alliance. The subject was "The Sons of Issachor." The house was crowded to hear it and the Doctor made many strong points for the Lutheran Church.

—At a regular meeting of the Luther Guild of the German Lutheran Trinity Church of Pottsville, Rev. J. H. Umbenh, pastor, it was unanimously decided to adopt the form of the Luther League as described in the Easter number of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. The following committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws: Chas. P. Krieg, A.W. Muehlhof and Miss Katie Krause. They are to report at the next regular meeting.

—A meeting was recently held in Weitz Hall, at Penn, Pa., by the Lutherans of that place. A large audience was present. The pastor, Rev. R. M. Zimmerman, conducted the opening exercises and stated the object of the meeting to be the formation of a Young People's Society. Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., of Greensburg delivered an address on the Luther League movement, its work and object. A Luther League was organized

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# New York State Convention at Rochester.

Invitations to the second convention of the Luther League of New York have been sent to all District Leagues and the individual societies connected therewith; also to all societies and pastors who were not identified with the League at its first convention.

All are urged to see that delegates and alternates are elected at once. Each individual society is entitled to two delegates and two alternates and each District League to five delegates and five alternates.

Every Young People's Society of a Lutheran church is entitled to membership whether it is connected with a District League or not, regardless of its having been represented at the last convention.

Pastors are requested to urge their young people to co-operate in this work.

All persons, other than regular delegates, who desire to attend the convention will be heartily welcome.

The convention, as already announced, will be held in Rochester on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29 and 30, and all are requested to note the following particulars:

The convention proper will be held in the Church of the Reformation, on Grove street, near North street.

The mass meeting will be held in Zion's Church (half a block from Church of Reformation), on Grove street, corner of Belmont Park.

Delegates can reach the Church of the Reformation from any of the depots by street car. Take cars at depot, ask for transfer ticket, and on reaching Main street (all cars run to Main street), transfer to North avenue car, get off at Grove street and they are in sight of the church.

The registration of delegates and meetings of Credential, Executive and Extension of Work Committees will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 29.

The first business session will be called to order at 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, 1894. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock a grand rally will take place in Zion's Church, and on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the final work of the convention will be accomplished.

A Credential and Entertainment Committee will meet all delegates at the Church of the Reformation and give them introduction cards and pilots to places of entertainment. Only to those who notify the undersigned or Mr. M. L. Kratz, 11 Comfort street, Rochester, before May 20 can entertainment be assured.

Arrangements have been made for transportation at a fare and a third for the excursion, on the certificate plan—*i.e.*, full fare going and one-third returning, to those who have paid 75 cents or upward for their going journey. Pastors, delegates and all others attending convention must procure a reduced fare

certificate when purchasing their tickets to Rochester. These will have to be signed by an officer of the convention in order to secure the reduced fare ticket for return journey. Don't buy excursion tickets.

All members of Rochester societies will wear a special badge, so that strangers can recognize them and apply to them for information.

A Convention Postmaster will be appointed, and persons desiring mail during the convention should have it addressed in care of the Church of the Reformation, No. 9 Grove street, Rochester, N. Y.

Full particulars as to programme, time of meetings, &c., will be sent to delegates as soon as arrangements are completed.

Any further particulars desired will be gladly furnished by the undersigned on application. Alfred Mettler, 84 Henry street, Brooklyn.

## Luther League of New York City.

The twelfth convention of the Luther League of New York City was held at Zion's Lutheran Church, East Eighty-fourth St., Thursday evening, March 29.

Despite the inclement weather, the attendance was quite large, all the societies being well represented.

The exercises were opened by singing the hymn, "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty," after which the Rev. H. Hebler, pastor loci, read a portion of the Scriptures and Rev. J. A. W. Haas of Grace Church offered prayer.

Mr. Albert H. Stahmann, president of Zion's Luther League, made a short address of welcome, which was responded to by Mr. J. Louis Schaefer, president of the New York League.

The recording secretary, Mr. H. E. Almberg, read his report, giving an account of what had been accomplished during the past year.

Addresses were then delivered on the following subjects: "The Luther League—its Future," by Mr. J. Edw. Michel of St. Peter's; "Christian Courtesy," by Mr. Harry E. Eilert of St. John's; "Faith and Works," by Mr. A. Rado of St. James'; "Duty of the Hour," by Mr. Wm. Carl of St. Lucas'.

The programme was interspersed by singing of hymns and selections by the choir of Zion's Church.

After singing the doxology, the Lord's Prayer and benediction by the Rev. Dr. Young of St. John's, the convention was brought to a close.

A noticeable feature was the able but brief manner in which all the four subjects were treated. The early hour at which the convention adjourned enabled all present to retire to the lecture rooms and there spend a short time in a pleasant and sociable manner, as it gave the members an opportunity of becoming better acquainted.

## Luther League of Buffalo.

The annual convention of the local League was held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on April 19. Besides the 45 delegates in attendance there was an audience of over 700 Lutherans.

The meeting was opened with a vocal selection by a double quartette from St. John's Young Men's Association. An address was then made by the Rev. A. F. Schaeffer of Lancaster on the "Possibilities of Young Lutherans." He said that a brighter future and grander opportunities await them. The Lutheran Church contains more young people than any other denomination, and the League is being enthusiastically received everywhere.

The Constantia Singing Society were then heard, after which the Rev. V. J. Tengwald, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church, made an eloquent address on "The Lutheran Church and Her Doctrines." He advised the young people to stand steadfast to the orthodox Lutheran Church and to labor together for its advancement. He showed the necessity of co-operation on the part of the young people with the pastor in the work of the church and also warned them not to overlook their spiritual culture and development. His address was greatly enjoyed by the entire audience. A very pleasing selection was given by their Swedish quartette.

The officers of the District League for the ensuing year were then installed. They are as follows:

President, Dr. Franklin C. Gram; vice-president, Mr. Edward G. Brucks; secretary, Mr. Frederick Henrichs; financial secretary, Miss C. Camann; treasurer, Mr. Henry Nitschke.

Dr. Gram, who has been at the head of the local organization since its formation, is well fitted for the position. He uses both German and English fluently, and has conducted the work of the League with marked efficiency.

## Luther League of Syracuse, N. Y.

The Luther League of Syracuse and Vicinity held its first convention at Zion's Lutheran Church on Thursday evening, April 19. The convention was in every respect a success. The large church was packed and the services were interesting in the extreme. Rev. C. C. Manz, pastor of St. John's Church, presided. After singing the Luther League Rally Hymn, the Scripture lesson was read and prayer offered by Rev. U. J. Klingensmith, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. The presiding officer then introduced Mr. E. F. Eilert, president of the Luther League of New York, as the principal speaker of the evening. After reviewing the movement which had developed into the present State organization and was extending all over the country, the

speaker urged the young people to remain loyal to their Church and to labor for the upbuilding of it.

Rev. H. Dattan, pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, followed with a very earnest and excellent address in German.

The closing speaker of the evening was Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman of the First English Lutheran Church. He said that he rejoiced over the organization of the Luther League and its progress, and then showed the necessity of co-operation on the part of the young people with the pastor in the work of the church.

The convention closed with the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," and the benediction by Pastor Manz.

### Luther League of Chicago.

A meeting to organize a District Luther League of Chicago was held Monday, April 16, at the Sherman House. It was a delegate meeting and 14 societies were represented, as follows: Grace, Immanuel Swedish, Holy Trinity, St. Matthews, Wicker Park Church, Bethlehem Norwegian Church, Nazareth German Church, Jerusalem German Church, Bethlehem Swedish Church, Saron Swedish Church, St. Peter's, St. Mark's German Church, Gethsameny Swedish Church, Salem Swedish Church. The meeting was called to order by Mr. P. C. Pearson, chairman of the Arrangement Committee, and opened with prayer by Mr. F. E. Jensen, who was thereupon called to act as president *pro tem*.

The secretary, Mr. J. A. Westerland, made his report, giving a history of the movement, which had started February 3, 1894, the first meeting being held at the church of Rev. J. D. Roth, D.D. His report was accepted.

Mr. Geo. H. Erich, the treasurer, also made a report, which was accepted.

Mr. Phil W. Ruppert of Brooklyn was then called upon to make an address on the possibilities of a central association.

The president *pro tem*. then called for the delegates who had full power to act, and nine societies responded. The constitution was then considered and adopted. The following societies signed the constitution: St. Peter's Luther League, Young People's Luther Alliance, Young People's League of the Holy Trinity, Young Lutheran Society of Wicker Park, Young People's Society of Bethlehem Church, Bethlehem Young People's Society, the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran Society, the St. Mark Society of Young People, the Saron Young People's Society.

Officers were then elected as follows:

Mr. J. J. Clemmens (St. Peter's), president; the president of each individual society connected with the Central Association is to be a vice-president; Mr. John Peterson (Bethlehem), recording secretary; Mr. C. J. Driever

(Grace), corresponding secretary; Mr. H. D. Pierson (Saron), treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. L. B. Johnson.

### Organizing in Ohio.

The Young People's Union of the Miami Synod, organized a year ago, expect to have their next convention at Troy, Ohio, on May 9, 10 and 11. Efforts will be made to organize on the plan of the Luther Leagues in other States, so that a Luther League of Ohio may be formed and co-operate with the other State Leagues for the establishment of a national organization.

The Young People's Societies of the East Ohio Synod will hold a convention in May for the purpose of effecting district organization. All the different Young People's organizations will be represented. The convention will be held in Grace Lutheran Church of Wadsworth, Rev. J. C. Kauffman, pastor. It is hoped that this organization will likewise be made to conform with the convening of the Luther League, which is meeting with favor throughout the whole country.

### Pittsburgh Central.

The semi-annual convention of the Luther League of Pittsburgh and vicinity, held in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allegheny, Pa., on Tuesday, April 24, was an undoubted success.

There were two sessions, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening.

Twenty-two churches were represented and both pastors and young people were filled with enthusiasm for the Luther League movement.

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock, with devotional exercises, after which the pastor loci, Rev. John G. Goettman, D.D., extended an address of welcome.

After the reception of delegates, routine business and reports were heard. The president, Mr. Leander Trautman, then followed with an address, after which Miss Jeanne E. Eggers read a paper, entitled, "Our Lutheran Church—Why I Love Her." This was briefly discussed by Revs. D. H. Geissinger, John Weidley and others.

At the evening session the principal speaker was Rev. Theophilus B. Roth of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., who delivered his lecture "Plymouth Rock and other Rocks."

The convention elected five delegates to the State Convention at Harrisburg.



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with twenty-five members. Rev. R. M. Zimmerman was elected president and Miss Virgie Rankin secretary. The meeting was a pleasant one, and the League starts out under very favorable circumstances.

**IN OTHER STATES.**

— A Luther Alliance has been organized in the Lutheran Church at Middletown, Md. Rev. M. L. Beard is the president.

— The Luther League of Rev. G. F. Hartwig's congregation, at Rockville, Conn., recently presented the congregation with a beautiful Mason & Hamlin organ.

— The building of the Christian Endeavor Mission Church, at Cleveland, Ohio, seems to be assured. Twenty-five societies have contributed a total of \$153.73, or an average of \$6.10.

— A handsomely engraved lacquered brass tablet has been placed in the chancel of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio, by the Luther Alliance and Sunday school of the church, in memory of their late pastor, Rev. D. W. Smith, D.D. It was made by H. H. Upham & Co., New York.

— At Beardstown, Ill., the Young People's Luther Alliance are putting a second floor into their old church building in order to provide a hall for their meetings.

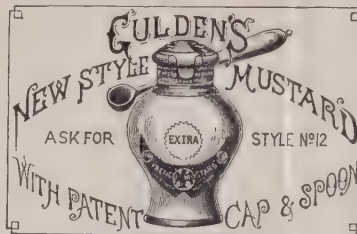
— The Young People's Society of Holy Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill., Rev. Chas. Koerner, has been taking an active part in the work of the congregation. It was organized two years ago with a small membership and has been steadily gaining. During these two years they have assisted the church officers with contributions toward defraying expenses and in many ways have shown a disposition to be of service. They were among the first to take up the Luther League movement, which is so rapidly moving westward. At the last regular meeting, held at the residence of Mr. L. M. Melander, 11 new members were elected.

— The Young People's Luther Alliance of Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn., in order to be in line with brother societies, has changed its name to Young People's Luther League. A reception was recently tendered to the pastor, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, at which the former associate pastor, Rev. A. Steimle, was present. A very enjoyable time was spent by all.

— The Young People's Society which was organized at Perley, Minn., about two years ago, has been working quietly but diligently. The interest and activity are on the increase; so also is the number of members.

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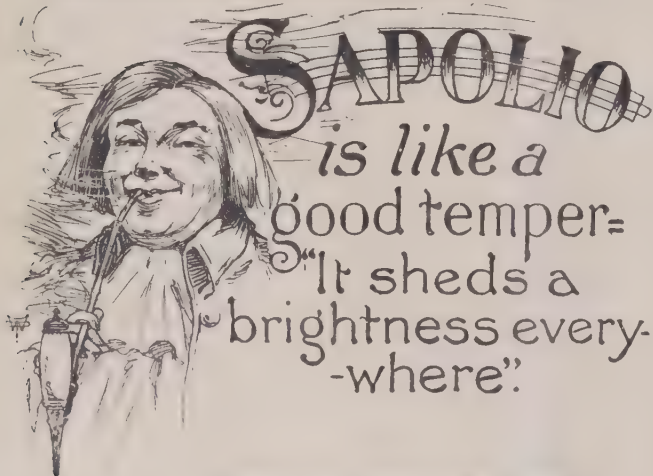
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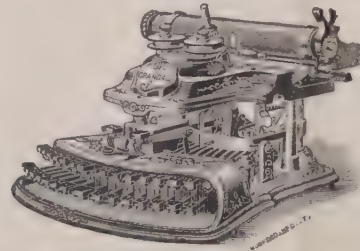


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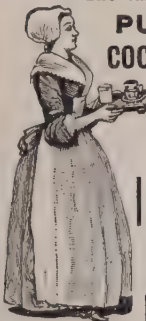
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## National Luther League Convention

At Pittsburgh, Pa., October 30 and 31, 1895.

IN APRIL, 1887, the Young Men's Association of St. Peter's German Lutheran Church, New York City, Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, D.D., pastor, appointed a committee to visit other societies of the Lutheran Churches in that city to suggest a plan of forming an organization to bring the societies into closer relationship one with the other,

committees of the Luther Leagues of New York State, Pennsylvania, Kansas and Illinois for a National Luther League convention.

The members of the committee were heartily welcomed by the pastor of St. John's, Rev. John J. Young, D.D., in behalf of the Luther League of that church.

of E. F. Eilert of New York City as chairman and F. A. Hartranft of Philadelphia as secretary.

It was unanimously agreed that the convention be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday and Thursday, October 30 and 31, and the call as appended was adopted.

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and by united effort strive for the up-building of our Lutheran Zion. This was the first step taken to organize the Lutheran Young People's Societies of this country and resulted in a meeting in February, 1888, in the rooms of the St. John's Association (as shown in the engraving) at No. 83 Christopher street, New York City, when a call was issued for the first Central Association or District Luther League.

How eminently appropriate, then, was the meeting held in the same rooms on July 10, 1895, when a call was issued by

Those present were F. T. Huber, Rev. H. W. Hoffmann, Dr. F. C. Gram, J. F. Dinkey and E. F. Eilert for the Luther League of New York State, F. A. Hartranft, Esq., Rev. W. H. Singley, D.D., Rev. E. L. Miller and Leander Trautman, Esq., of the Luther League of Pennsylvania. The representatives of the Kansas and Illinois Leagues were not in attendance but have sanctioned the call, as will be noted below.

A formal organization of the joint committees was effected by the election

of the First Church of Pittsburgh, where the convention is to be held, and ex-president of the District Luther League of that city, was given full charge of local arrangements as chairman of that committee, with power to associate with him as many members as may be necessary to perfect details. They will secure reduced rates from hotels and boarding houses and announce same through the church papers.

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The representation at the national convention was fixed at ten delegates for each State League, three delegates for each Central or District League and one delegate for each individual League or society of Lutheran young people, of whatever name, whether connected with a State or district League or not.

A Committee on Credentials was named as follows: Prof. E. E. Campbell of Mechanicsburg, Pa., chairman; Rev. H. W. Hoffmann, Brooklyn, N. Y.; M. C. Olson, Oak Park, Ill., and Rev. J. N. Lenz, Ottawa, Kan.

Dr. F. C. Gram of Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. E. L. Miller of Scranton, Pa., and Prof. C. R. Chindblom, Chicago, Ill., were appointed a committee to draft a constitution for the National League, to be submitted as a basis for action of the committee on this subject appointed by the national convention.

The Committee on Programme consists of the following: Rev. W. H. Singley, D.D., 1314 North Third street, Harrisburg, Pa., chairman; Frederick T. Huber, 12 East Seventy-second street, New York; Hon. J. B. Oakleaf, Moline, Ill., and Rev. Henry Zimmerman, Hays City, Kan. Some excellent suggestions were made to this sub-committee and there is no doubt that an exceptionally fine programme will be presented.

The following call needs no comment. All that remains is to have the secretary of every League and society of our Lutheran churches throughout the country read it at an early meeting and have provision made to be represented by a delegate. District and State Leagues should, at the earliest opportunity, elect their delegates.



### Call for National Luther League Convention.

The undersigned committee, representing the State Luther Leagues of New York, Pennsylvania, Kansas and Illinois do hereby issue this call for a national convention of young Lutherans, to be held in the First English Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday and Thursday, October 30 and 31, 1895, the first session beginning Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Each State Luther League shall be entitled to ten delegates, all District or Central Leagues, regardless of their connection with State Leagues, three delegates, and each individual League or Society of Lutheran young people, of whatever name, whether connected with a District or State League or not, one delegate (District or Central Leagues and individual Societies in States not having state organization are entitled to representation as above).

This call, therefore, urges the attendance of members of Lutheran Societies, of whatever name and however synodically related, who would sustain the endeavor of a National Luther League to quicken, by churchly methods, especially among our youth, a clearer consciousness of Christian faith, and to promote among them a practical Christian life.

In view of the fact that a national convention cannot reasonably expect free entertainment from local societies or churches, delegates will be obliged to defray their own expenses. Provision will be made for reduced hotel rates.

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Repeated efforts have been made at various times, by societies formed for the purpose, as well as by individuals, to recover the supposed sunken treasure. The position of the vessel has been located, but nothing of value has been recovered as yet, except a few trinkets.

Thousands upon thousands of people sail over the waters all unconscious of the sunken vessel and the possible treasure buried there. Recently attempts have been made to verify the truth or falsity of the rumor in regard to the money by searching the records in possession of the British Government, but nothing positive or definite has been ascertained. If it were absolutely certain that the treasure was on board the vessel, and the exact location were known, how the people of our

city would rush to the place, and what a mad scramble there would be to get possession of it. How alert and how persistent we all are in the race for the acquisition of material things.

How different our conduct as Christians!

We sail up and down the sea of God's truth, all unmindful of the hidden treasure, the precious golden promises that lie buried in His Holy Word. Only too often do we read the Bible carelessly and superficially, never realizing what vast wealth for time and eternity might be ours if we would but seek it half as persistently as we strive for earthly gold.

And yet we have the positive assurance of Him who is greater than any human government that this treasure can be found by us in His Word.

The treasures, the promises *are there*. "All the promises of God are yea and amen."

Even the locality, the exact spot where this treasure lies buried is pointed out to us, so that we need not waste our time in long and fruitless searching. "In Him, in Christ Jesus, the Son of God." In Him we find the full realization of God's golden promises to us. He is the locality, the "Way." By Him we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand. "In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

If we were in want and knew for a certainty that the sunken vessel contained vast treasures of gold; if, furthermore, we knew the exact spot where she lay and had access to her, whose fault would it be if we went hungry?

Would it not be foolish for us to neglect such an opportunity to satisfy our needs?

Is it not equally foolish for us, as Christians, to go about with gloomy faces and starving, shrunken souls, when the Lord God has provided such rich treasure for us in His Word?

If we would but take Him at His word, and live in His promises, and actually appropriate these treasures to ourselves, how much brighter, happier and useful our lives would be. Then we could truthfully say with the Psalmist, "I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil."

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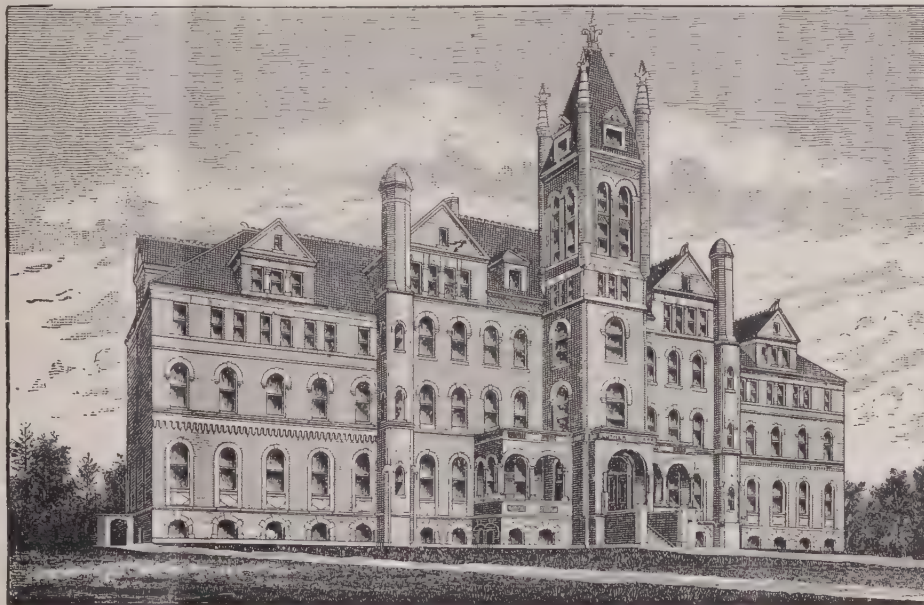
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However, while the fire fiend had taken from our brethren their stately building it had not robbed them of

courage, and so, while the ruins were still smoking, subscriptions were opened to rebuild.

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### How Can the Luther League Advance the Interests of the Church?\*

BY MISS AMELIA WEISKOTTEN.

The Luther League is not to be regarded as in the nature of a mere passing enthusiasm among young Lutherans. It is a powerful addition to the working forces of the Church.

In preparing this paper I have accordingly sought to emphasize a few practical suggestions, which, if carried out, would help the leagues to do more effectual work in their respective churches.

The assistance which the Luther League can give the Church may be directed along religious, intellectual, social and financial channels. In the religious work three things will be required: Consecration, organized effort and personal responsibility.

To do effective and lasting work the young people must have as a foundation personal consecration to Christ. Christ must be unto them all in all. They must have positive convictions, and have courage enough to stand by them.

Let all our League members faithfully attend the regular church services, morning and

evening, be faithful in Sunday school and help by their presence and interest. Create enthusiasm for your church. Become interested in both home and foreign missions. I add foreign missions because if only home mission work is carried on we grow more and more self centered, and instead of widening the circle of our influence the circle becomes smaller and smaller, our ideas of doing good ever narrower, and finally we will think only of the work in our own city, then our own church, and at last in our own homes; then the next step will be drifting into spiritual indifference, of which so many churches in our time complain.

#### ORGANIZED EFFORT.

The League must have a good and wise leader, find the strongest, not always the most popular, person; for in proportion to the personal enthusiasm, ability and consecration of the leader will be the success or failure of the whole or part of the work. The wisdom of the leader ought to lead him to select the best talent and workers for the various branches and set all members at work.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Each one has a religious as well as a temporal responsibility—no one can escape it. No one must seek to console himself with the idea that some one else can do it better or shirk work that is not agreeable. Don't put it off on others; no, not even upon the shoulders of the supposed innocent younger people. Show your faith by example, not by precept alone. Young people often have more logic than they are credited with. They are quick to detect the variance between precept and example in their leaders. You cannot expect them

to do their duty when they see it is a one-sided affair.

The members of the League ought to feel a personal responsibility to attend meetings regularly, and not stay away with the excuse that the meetings are not interesting. It is their duty to go and help make them so. They must help pull the chariot out of the ruts, and make their meetings so interesting that not only the church members but outsiders will be attracted.

Keep up the true spirit of enthusiasm by your religious life. Love to Christ ought to lead us to love the League and its work. League members ought, as Christians, to avoid petty jealousies, selfishness and, above all, a dolorous and pessimistic spirit. Try to be busy, happy, enthusiastic Christians. Speak encouragingly of the work.

Avoid having the Society become one for children merely. Invite the older people. Make them feel that you are anxious for and need their guidance and counsel, their restraining as well as encouraging influence.

Have committees to look after the sick and needy, carry fruit, flowers, &c., to the aged. Constitute yourselves a pastor's aid society. Such work as this is being wonderfully blessed in large cities in leading people to Christ and the Church.

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Create enthusiasm for your Church. Be friendly to strangers. Always speak the best of your pastor. In a word, be loyal to your Church.

As members of the Church emphasize the bright side of a Christian's life. Get cheerfulness and cultivate it. Make religion attractive, and you will be able to reach more hearts and enjoy your work better; for a cheerful and sunny life is a blessing and benediction to yourself and others.

Live Christian lives. Have practical Christianity. Bring it into your everyday life, at home, at your work, in your church. Take it with you wherever you go. Your influence will then reach out beyond the confines of your society, touch the heart-strings of other church members, and quicken the pulse of the Church.

People will do their duty and fulfill their responsibilities in worldly affairs, why not in Christian work? Does it not seem strange that "men will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it—anything but live for it?" Right here, then, is one of the problems the young people can help solve. Let us have the writing, fighting and dying for religion, if need be; but let us, by our living and God's grace, do away with that unnecessary factor, wrangling, and live so that our Society will be characterized by true spiritual life. Then what a help the League will be to the Church!

#### INTELLECTUAL.

Pestalozzi declared that "Education is the generation of power—a form of energy and a mode of motion." If this be so, and this education is properly directed by pastor and older people, the power, energy and movement of the Church will be in a corresponding direction. By developing enlightened lives influenced by love, the League becomes to pastor and church an additional arm for reaching out among the people.

As League members we ought to take a large interest in literary work. Have magazine exchanges, encourage reading circles, have systematic Bible studies, debating societies; study the history and doctrine of the Lutheran Church and make ourselves intelligent members.

A writer in the *Lutheran*, recently discussing the causes which lead to such poor support of our Lutheran colleges and seminaries by our people, states that "the great bulk of our people are not in sympathy with higher education." Just along this line the Luther League ought to stimulate our young Lutherans. All of this will make itself felt in the Church.

Start a Chautauqua or other literary club, open to all members of the church. Open a reading room. If that is not practicable, assume the support and oversight of a church and Sunday school library. Encourage young men and women to go to college—a Lutheran college. The Lord wants enlightened Christians. And we need more educated laymen in the Lutheran Church. The time has come when the young people, with their superior educational advantages and aggressiveness, can be a great power in the Church. To do the most effectual work we must have the best talent. It must be exercised in such a manner as to raise the mass of the people. We want the members of the Luther League to love education, first, for itself; second, for what it will do for them; third, for what it will do for the Church.

I cannot leave this subject without mentioning another most important factor for arousing enthusiasm, love and energy for the Church. That is the sending of delegates to and encouraging League conventions; thus keeping in touch with other societies, seeing what has and is being done by them, adopting

and introducing systems that have been tried and found successful. There is nothing that will give more inspiration, more incentives, act more like a lever for new thoughts, acts and enthusiasm than well conducted Christian League conventions. And here we see practically illustrated the importance of brains as well as hearts.

#### SOCIAL.

God implanted the love for society in our hearts, and it is our duty to foster and encourage it. The young people must and will have companions. The Luther League ought to help them to find such in their own Church. This is a most important work; for young people's lives are so greatly influenced by their companions. And it is a lamentable fact that our Lutheran Church has done too little for the social life of the young people. This is one cause of our great losses in the past. One great way for the young people to help the Church is to break down the existing barrier between the old and the young. They must invite the older people and encourage their attendance at the social meetings, make the old people feel that they love them, foster the true home spirit of parent and child. If you have any talent for singing, playing or reciting, use it for your Church; do not refuse to take part when asked; do not be discouraged. You'll succeed, always remembering what Longfellow said: "His heart was in his work, and the heart giveth grace to every art." Have wise amusements and omit questionable ones. Have innocent games, which develop conversation. Hold, now and then, distinctly social meetings in which the young people are brought together, not to raise money, but to spend a pleasant and delightful evening in social intercourse. Let such a meeting be in the hands of a good committee, which will seek to make all feel at home, and realize that they are members of one family and children of the King.

#### FINANCIAL.

Let each member contribute something toward the finances of the church. Too many young people sit in the family pew and give nothing themselves. If your parents rent a pew, pledge yourself to give something each week or month; have systematic giving, not spasmodic. Aim to pay a certain sum and lay that aside first. We must learn to give cheerfully and generously, not always of the overflow, but practice self denial. Give because there is a pleasure and blessing in giving. We need to educate ourselves in this respect. This reminds me of a little boy whose parents made him keep an account of all his earnings and expenditures. They especially tried to impress upon the child's mind to give a certain sum for benevolent purposes. One day his mother asked him to show her his account for the week. This was his record: Twenty-five cents for candy, one cent for mission. You see this was the child's way of giving. He gave something, but he needed the training as to the amount to be given. As a preliminary step in this line of education I would suggest that the Luther Leagues for one year adopt a plan of systematic giving. Have Luther League mission boxes, and persuade each member to pledge himself to give one cent a day for one year toward some benevolent cause.

If each Luther League were to adopt a self-denial offering, what a help our Leagues would be to the Church, and how much more real our League work would be. I think the experiment would be worth the trying. In a word, it ought to be our aim in and through our League to help our Church in every possible way. With the bright future that is ours, the League can and ought to become a mighty

power to quicken and help the Church. And as we thank God for this young people's movement, let us resolve in our respective Leagues to be ever more alert, to make our Lutheran Church a still greater power in the community.



#### Worship.

BY REV. J. L. MURPHY.

Lord, Thy greatness I would know!  
Lord, Thy goodness I would feel!  
Help me render what I owe,  
As before Thy throne I kneel.

Fill my heart with grateful love;  
Tune my lips to sound Thy praise;  
Let my prayers ascend above—  
May these joys my life upraise.

Let Thy Gospel's joyful sound  
Quicken faith and trust in me;  
May it more and more abound,  
Drawing lost and saved to Thee.

Thus may all my worship prove  
When I bow before Thy throne,  
'Till I join the saints above—  
'Till I know as I am known.



#### The Walther League.

The Walther League, composed of the Young Men's and Young People's societies of the Synodical Conference, met in convention at Cleveland, Ohio, recently. A report of the meeting has not reached us, but we learn that the League is now composed of 36 societies. Three new ones were admitted during the past year. These 36 societies are scattered from Portland, Maine, to Dallas, Texas, and are divided in four district Leagues. The League proposes to erect a memorial to Dr. Walther at St. Louis.



#### Book Review.

THE SECOND VOLUME OF THE LUTHERAN COMMENTARY, being the second part of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, by Rev. Charles F. Schaeffer, D.D., has been published by the Christian Literature Company of New York.

Like its predecessor it is very thorough in its explanations, and Dr. Schaeffer's wide learning and ability to make plain these divine truths are evident on every page.

This series is to be a plain exposition of the Holy Scriptures of the New Testament, and is written by the leading scholars of the Lutheran Church in America.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, in session at Hagerstown, Md., June 5-13, 1895. Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

This book is what its title indicates—a full, exhaustive report of the Synod, and contains the parochial reports of Synods, constitution, by-laws, besides the full report of the various boards, &c.

The promptness with which the work has been executed, as also its style and workmanship, speaks well for the work of the secretary and the publishers.

## Christian Endeavor Convention and Lutheran Rally at Boston, Mass., July 10 to 15.

IT IS impossible to give in the space we have reserved any idea of the magnitude of the recent Christian Endeavor convention at Boston. Suffice it to say more than 50,000 young men and young women were in attendance and filled the three large meeting places (Mechanic's Hall and two huge tents) during the five days of the convention.

The interest of our readers is no doubt centered in the denominational rallies which occurred on Thursday, July 11, and particularly in that of the Lutheran societies. This was held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Howard avenue and Dudley street, of which Rev. Edwin F. Keever is pastor. The Luther League of St. Mark's had tastefully decorated the vestibule and hall of the church with crimson and white, the Christian Endeavor colors, and with flags and bunting, while the chancel was arranged with cut flowers and potted ferns and palms.

The delegates were received by a Reception Committee and every effort was made to have the visitors feel the church was theirs for the occasion. Nearly 350 were in attendance, representing 15 States and the District of Columbia—viz., Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Missouri, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, California and District of Columbia.

Previous to the formal meeting a half hour was pleasantly spent in an informal reception, for the purpose of getting acquainted and exchanging greetings.

At 2.30 o'clock the president of the Lutheran Christian Endeavor Union, Rev. W. S. Hinman, under whose auspices the rally was held, called the meeting to order. The hymn, "I Love Thy Zion, Lord," was sung by the audience, the excellent choir of St. Marks leading. The Hundredth Psalm was read responsively, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., of Kansas City, Mo.

A cordial address of welcome was given by the pastor loci, Rev. Edwin F. Keever. Rev. Dr. M. Rhodes of St. Louis, the Lutheran trustee in the United Society, responded in a happy manner, after which all joined heartily in singing Luther's battle hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

Owing to the absence of the secretary,

Rev. E. Lee Fleck of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. C. E. Paul of Washington, D. C., the temporary secretary, read his report, which showed that reports have been received from 422 Lutheran societies. These 422 have raised in the year \$3,193.45 for missions, \$9,683.34 for local objects. The membership in the senior societies is 15,343 and in the junior 4,961.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Hartman gave a report of the Lutheran Christian Endeavor



ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BOSTON, MASS., WHERE LUTHERAN  
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY WAS HELD.

mission in Cleveland, and urged its hearty support by every society.

Three committees were appointed: Resolutions, Revs. M. P. Hacker and L. D. Wells, and Mr. Lucius D. Alden; Business, Revs. H. A. Ott, U. S. G. Rupp and Mr. W. J. Coffey; Nominations, Rev. Herbert Alleman, P. A. Heilman and E. H. Delk.

The addresses were then delivered as follows:

Rev. E. H. Delk of Hagerstown, Md., on "Our Young Lutherans."

Prabala Ramachandrayya of Guntur, India, on the theme "The Young People of India and America."

Rev. Dr. J. H. W. Stuckenberg of

North Cambridge, Mass., spoke on "Young Lutherans and the Social Problem."

A free parliament then followed and was conducted by Rev. J. F. Hartman of Altoona, Pa., on "Y. P. S. C. E. Work Among Lutherans," in which many pastors and young people participated.

At the business session, which was then held, the following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. Willis S. Hinman, Columbia, Pa.; 1st vice-pres., Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., Kansas City, Mo.; 2d vice-pres., Rev. J. F. Hartman, Altoona, Pa.; sec., Rev. E. Lee Fleck, Dayton, Ohio; treas., Rev. A. J. Turkle, Omaha, Neb.

After the adoption of resolutions thanking the people of St. Mark's for their hospitality, also urging the various societies to support the Cleveland Mission, the rally was ended with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and the benediction by Rev. M. Rhodes, D.D.



### St. Mark's of Boston.

This congregation, in whose church edifice the Lutheran rally was held during the Christian Endeavor convention, is a mission of the General Council, organized December 4, 1891. Rev. S. Henry Reck was the first pastor and served until the fall of 1893.

In March, 1894, Rev. E. F. Keever, the present pastor, took charge, as he thought, only temporarily, but the congregation extended him a call, and in May he was installed as pastor by Rev. Dr. Laird of Philadelphia.

During all this time services were held in a hall, but it could no longer be had for that purpose, and in consequence the members were obliged to seek other quarters. They found the church shown in the engraving, and although it was quite a

distance from the center of the city it was the best to be had under the circumstances and was purchased for \$6000. Of this amount \$1200 was subscribed by the members, \$1800 was loaned and will be taken up by the Church Extension Society for a period of five years, and the remainder, \$3000, is on mortgage. The congregation has made many needed repairs, both inside and out, and on the whole have a very neat church. They are endeavoring to become self supporting, and any assistance that can be given will be in aid of a worthy cause. This is the only English Lutheran Church in Boston.

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## Comments.

At last we see the day dawn of a brighter hope for our Lutheran Church in the National Convention of her young people, which has been called for October 30 and 31, 1895, at Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of laying the foundation stones of a National Luther League Organization. This stage of the work has been reached by a process which, while it was slow, was none the less sure. Many difficulties were encountered and had to be overcome; many suspicions and objections had to be allayed; many conflicting opinions and interests merged, and a proper constituency provided before we could reasonably expect to successfully launch the national organization. And now, thank God, we believe that the years of earnest and patient work are about to bring forth fruit that will ripen into great and glorious things for our beloved Lutheran Church. The call for the convention, as printed elsewhere, is the work of a joint committee from the State Leagues of New York, Pennsylvania, Kansas and Illinois, and the details of the arrangements are in the hands of sub-committees. Let us work and pray for its success.

We hear a great deal in these latter days about loyalty to our Lutheran Church, but when we say it, let us not forget that being a member of the Church does not alone constitute true loyalty. Something more than mere

membership is demanded. To be truly loyal we must not only be active and earnest in the work pertaining to our own particular church, but should also be on the alert in advancing the great interests of our Church in general. Not to do so would be selfish. We should be interested in the work of the Church in all its comprehensiveness; in her missions, in her literature, in her institutions and schools of learning.

In the fall many Lutheran parents will be looking for schools and colleges in which to place their sons and daughters, and we would make a special plea for our Lutheran colleges, seminaries and schools that they be not overlooked. Our halls of learning are the equal of any in the land, and are worthy of any encouragement and help we can give them. Let us then not forget them in seeking education for our children.

Now is the time to plan for the fall work in all our Young People's Societies. In another month everything should be in readiness to go ahead. It is during the leisure moments, which nearly all can find at this time, that some thought should be given to our societies and how to carry on the work most successfully. Don't plan to do too much. The trouble is we often aim to do more than there is any possibility of our accomplishing and in the end we are disappointed. Plan to do some small thing, but do it well.

Some suggestions for fall work may be appropriate—can you not assist your pastor in some of his work? Can't you undertake to hunt up the absentees in the Sunday school? Can you not act as an usher in the church, or if they are provided can't you act on a reception committee to welcome strangers to the service? Will the ladies offer to supply flowers for the altar? Are there some of the recently confirmed who are drifting from the Church, and if so why not hunt them up? Can't you urge a plan of systematic giving, if only a cent a week, for some good purpose among the members? These are, in brief, a few of the things that the members can do. If more particulars are desired they will be found in the paper of Miss Amelia Weiskotten, as printed on another page in this number.

During the summer months there are a number of outings and reunions conducted by our Churches and Leagues. If properly managed they are very desirable, for if they are not provided in this way the members are apt to seek them elsewhere, and how much better it is to have them under the supervision of the pastor and officers of the church. However, notwithstanding all the precaution, it sometimes happens that things go amiss; here or there some one oversteps the bounds, or possibly an outsider slips in; who does mischief for the church. How careful we should be in our own demeanor and to caution others, while in the distribution of invitations to strangers every possible means should be employed to avoid a mistake.

The various State and District Leagues and local societies will soon be called upon to select delegates to the National Luther League Convention. In doing this special care should be taken to choose only those who will do credit to the convention and those they represent. The sending of delegates whose simple purpose is to have a good time should be avoided. Send only such as have the interests of our cause at heart, and are concerned for the common weal of the entire Lutheran Church. Let us seek Divine guidance, that this initial movement may be wisely and well conducted. Let us put aside all prejudices or selfish preferences and all else that will come between us and the duty we owe our Church. Christ and our Church should be the prevailing motive.

## Church Calendar.

August 4.—Eighth Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Matthew 7, 15-23; Epistle, Romans 8, 12-17.

August 11.—Ninth Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Luke 16, 1-9; Epistle, 1 Corinthians 10, 6-13.

August 18.—Tenth Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Luke 19, 41-48; Epistle, 1 Corinthians 12, 1-11.

August 25.—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity—Gospel, Luke 18, 9-14; Epistle, 1 Corinthians 15, 1-10.

# Our Churches and Institutions.

## NEW YORK CITY.

— Rev. John A. W. Haas of Grace Church, who was elected director of the Wagner College at Rochester, N. Y., by the trustees at a recent meeting, has declined the position at the urgent request of his congregation.

— At a recent congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church, West 123d street, Rev. Julius Ehrhart tendered his resignation as pastor, which was accepted. It was unanimously resolved to elect him pastor emeritus and a stated salary was voted him for life. Pastor Ehrhart has served this congregation faithfully from its infancy, a period of almost 30 years. He will continue to serve as pastor until his successor is named.

— Mr. Martin Wulff, one of the officers of St. Peter's Church, a member of the Young Men's Association, and one of the original committee that organized the Central League in this city, was recently honored by an election as treasurer of the Ministerium of New York.

— Rev. G. Tappert, who for three years has been assistant pastor of St. Paul's Church, West 123d street, has tendered his resignation. He has accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, East Morrisania, formerly served by Pastor Reumann, who goes to Williamsbridge.

— While Rev. G. C. F. Haas, president of the New York Ministerium, is abroad, the secretary, Rev. D. W. Petersen of Middle Village will officially represent him.

— Dr. John J. Young will spend his vacation during August at Mountain Lake Park, Md. During his absence Rev. E. Heening of Chicago will attend to the pastoral duties of St. John's.

— At the recent commencement of Hartwick Seminary Rev. Dr. Remensnyder was one of the speakers, his address being "The Distinctive Glories of Lutheranism."

— Rev. H. Reumann of St. Paul's Church, Morrisania, has received a unanimous call from St. Peter's congregation, Williamsbridge, N. Y. This mission was started in June, 1894, by Revs. Reumann and C. F. Sommer.

— St. Matthew's congregation at Melrose, N. Y. City, E. A. Behrens, pastor, laid the corner stone of their new church edifice.

## BROOKLYN.

— Contracts have been signed for the erection of the new St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, and at the present moment the foundations are being laid. Rev. W. E. Main, the pastor, is spending his vacation at Hagarstown, Md. He will return in September.

— Rev. Frederick Bosch was formally installed as pastor of St. John's congregation in South Brooklyn, July 14. Rev. Dr. J. J. Heischmann, pastor of St. Peter's Church, performed the act of installation. Revs. Duensing, Meyer and Roth also participated. It was a day of great rejoicing among the congregation.

— An impressive service was conducted in

the beautiful St. Mark's Church, Bushwick avenue and Jefferson street, on June 23, when Candidate Nathaniel Frey, a son of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Frey, was ordained to the Christian ministry. A number of pastors of the Missouri Synod of New York and Brooklyn participated in the ceremonies.

— The Church of the Redeemer is closed for the summer months, notwithstanding work on the new church is being pushed night and day. Bids will be opened on Monday evening, July 22, and the contracts awarded at once. The church, when completed, will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000; all modern improvements will be used. The seating capacity will be 570, which may be increased at any time to 700. The dimensions of the church proper will be about 70 x 100. The pastor, Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, is at present stopping at the home of his mother in Syracuse, N. Y. Active work will be resumed by September 1.

— Another move toward the establishment of the fourth English Lutheran Church in Brooklyn was made on August 4, when Rev. August Steimle of Red Wing, Minn., at the request of the committee in charge of the matter, preached in the new hall at 401 Bridge street, between Myrtle avenue and Fulton street.

— On the evening of July 18 a farewell service was held in Our Saviour's Danish Lutheran Church, Rev. Rasmus Anderson, pastor, at which six pastors were present, one being a missionary from the West Indies, on his way home to Denmark.

## NEW YORK STATE.

— St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wurttemberg, has extended a call to Rev. C. Diefendorf, now stationed at Melrose.

— On June 30, St. John's Lutheran Church, Manorton, N. Y., Rev. Walter Miller, pastor, after the completion of extensive improvements was rededicated. Rev. J. H. Webber, D.D., of Sunbury, Pa., occupied the pulpit and preached the dedicatory sermon.

— Continued ill health has compelled the resignation of Rev. W. F. Whitteker of West Camp, N. Y. A successor has not been chosen, and pending action communications may be addressed to E. P. Simmons, Malden, Ulster County, N. Y.

— Prabala Ramachandrayya Garu, B.A., a graduate of the Madras Christian College, for 13 years a member of the Lutheran Church in Guntur, India, and for a number of years teacher in the Mission High School and College in that place, has been addressing a number of congregations in this State during the

past month on the work in India. He is in the employment of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran Church, and was accompanied by the secretary of the Board, Rev. George Scholl, D.D., of Baltimore, Md.

— Wagner College will undergo extensive repairs before the fall. A number of congregations have agreed to furnish rooms, among which are: Zion's, Rev. E. Kreling; St. Peter's, Rev. J. J. Heischman of Brooklyn; St. Matthew's, Hoboken; Rev. A. Richter; St. John's of Rochester. The rooms will bear the names of the donors. Further applications for rooms should be made to Rev. J. Nicum of Rochester. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors Rev. Dr. Nicum was again elected permanent Director of the college. He has decided to accept the call, and will secure an assistant to do the pastoral work.

— The officers of the New York and New Jersey Synod have accepted the invitation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Oswego, N. Y., Rev. R. Kessler, pastor, to hold the next convention of Synod in their church on September 24, 1895.

— The Lutheran Church at Canajoharie, N. Y., recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of its organization.

— The corner stone of the Church of the Redeemer, at Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. Bambam, was laid recently.

— On Aug. 20 to 25 the New York Conference of the Augustana Synod will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary at Jamestown, N. Y.

— The annual session of the Eastern District of the Missouri Synod was held in St. Andrew's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., July 17 to 25. A special daily edition of the *Missourier* was issued during the week, giving complete reports of the session as well as a history of the Synod.

— The golden jubilee of the Buffalo Synod was celebrated on June 30 in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, Wis, Rev. Gram, pastor. The fifty-fifth anniversary of this congregation was also observed on that day.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

— A farewell service to the General Council missionary, Dr. Schmidt, who has been sojourning in this country for several months, occurred July 17 in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, pastor. On this occasion Miss Charlotte Swenson of Axtel, Kan., a graduate of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., was set apart as a Zenana sister for our mission work in India. The

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missionaries sailed for Genoa, Italy, on the steamer "Augusta Victoria," leaving Hoboken on July 20.

— The Rev. U. S. G. Bertolet, late of Mt. Airy Seminary, has been called to the Church of the Nativity, Tioga, Phila., and took charge the first Sunday in July. He was installed on Sunday evening, July 28.

— Rev. John E. Whitteker of St. John's Lutheran Church of Easton, Pa., has accepted the call to the superintendency of the English Home Missions of the General Council. He will become the successor to the Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.

— Rev. W. H. Myers, pastor of Grace Church, Reading, Pa., is making an extensive tour through Yellowstone Park and Alaska. Upon his return he will deliver a lecture on Alaska for the benefit of Grace Luther League.

— Rev. W. H. Singley, D.D., for the past two years pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, has resigned, the action to take effect September 15.

— St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. E. Meister, pastor, celebrated its twenty-first anniversary on July 21.

— The new St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Steelton, Pa., Rev. Will F. Bare, pastor, will be dedicated on September 15.

— The corner stone of the Third Lutheran Church in Greensburg, Pa., "Salem's," was laid on Sunday, July 14. Rev. Lundahl of Braddock, Pa., assisted in the ceremonies.

— Samuel Lentz, recently deceased, in Philadelphia, bequeathed \$10,000 to the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy.

— *The Workman*, one of the brightest and newsiest of Lutheran papers, has recently appeared in a new garb. A new type has completely changed its appearance, and we congratulate our exchange on the taste displayed.

— Carthage College has tendered the position of the Chair of Sciences and vice-president of the institution to Rev. M. L. Young, Ph.D., of Meyersdale, Pa.

— Eight thousand Lutherans participated in the ninth annual reunion at Penn Mar on July 25. The speakers were: Revs. W. S. Freas, D.D., of York, Pa.; J. W. Richard, D.D., of Gettysburg, Pa.; F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., of Greensburg, Pa.; Rev. A. R. Steck of Gettysburg, Pa.; Rev. George C. Henry of Shippensburg, Pa.; Rev. W. E. Main of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. G. W. Enders, D.D., of York, Pa., and Rev. J. G. Morris, D.D., LL.D., of Baltimore.

— Rev. J. H. Raker, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pen Argyl, Pa., is spending his vacation in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador and Greenland. The work of repairing and beautifying the church has commenced. Eugene Stetler, a senior of the Mt. Airy Lutheran Theological Seminary, will have charge of the congregation until Rev. Raker returns.

#### OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

— Rev. Prof. G. F. Spieker, D.D., of Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., installed

his son, Rev. Charles G. Spieker, as pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 7, 1895.

— The appearance of the *Lutheran World* has been materially changed by the use of new type. The change is a vast improvement over the old style.

— Rev. C. G. Seltvedt, a Norwegian Lutheran minister of North Dakota, recently visited Durham, N. C., and vicinity, with a view to selecting some locality to which he can bring a colony of his fellow countrymen. His report of the condition of the farmers in some parts of the Dakotas is truly doleful. He says there is a strong inclination on the part of many Norwegians in the Northwest to remove South, which they regard as a more inviting field for them.

— Rev. Jacob Hawkins, D.D., editor of the *Lutheran Visitor*, died at his home, St. Luke's, S. C., on July 16, aged 66 years. For 20 years he was connected with the *Visitor*, besides attending to pastoral duties.

— The mother house and training school for deaconesses of the General Synod to be located at Baltimore, Md., will be opened October 1, with a full course of instruction. The six women who have been trained under the Board in Germany and America will constitute the first body of deaconesses of the General Synod. Candidates for the deaconess work are desired.

— Rev. F. D. Altman has been selected by the Board of Education of the General Synod to fill the position of president of the Western Theological Seminary at Atchison, Kan.

— Martin Luther College, Chicago, closed its spring term on June 24. The number of students was 21, while the faculty consists of 4 teachers.

— Rev. G. Albert Getty has resigned the pastorate of the Christian Endeavor Memorial Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

— Rev. John F. Siebert was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sedalia, Mo., on July 21. Rev. H. L. Yarger of the Board of Church Extension delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. F. D. Altman of Kansas City, that to the people.

— On August 3 Dr. C. A. Swenson of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., delivered two addresses in Swedish and English at the Chautauqua School, near Jamestown, N. Y. The first was entitled "Picture of Swedish Home Life in America," and the second "A Ramble in King Oscar's Land."

— St. John's College at Winfield, Kan., was established and given over to the care of the English Lutheran Synod of Missouri by Mr. J. P. Baden. Since 1893 he has expended nearly \$39,000 for buildings, salaries and other expenses. He proposes to give \$1,300 annually toward its support. Its president, Rev. H. Sieck, has recently accepted the call to Mt. Olivet English Lutheran Congregation in Milwaukee. Twenty-six students attended the college last term.

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# LUTHER LEAGUE.



All Young People's Societies within our Churches, regardless of name, are invited to send news of their respective organizations for publication under this heading.

—The minutes of the California Synod, page 19, show that the Luther League is appreciated on the Pacific Coast. The resolution adopted at Los Angeles says "that the California Synod hereby approves the call for the National Luther League Convention, in the hope that the closer practical co-operation of our young people of every Lutheran Synod may be thus promoted for the common blessing of all concerned."

—The Icelandic Synod of America has likewise indorsed the Luther League. In a resolution adopted at its last meeting the importance of organizing the young people for the Church is emphasized, and the Synod makes the request "that during the coming year the congregations do all in their power to organize Young People's Societies like the Luther League in the American Lutheran Church, which could then be united into an Icelandic Young People's League and especially join hands with the National Luther League. The motto of these societies should be the same as that of the Luther League—'Of the Church—In the Church—For the Church.'"

—The report of the Committee on Statistics of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, as given at the Reading convention and printed in the last number, was only a partial one. Efforts are now being made to ascertain the exact number of societies and the numerical strength of the League. As soon as completed they will be printed in the REVIEW.

—The manuscripts of a few of the addresses and papers presented at the Reading convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania came too late to be printed in the special convention number. With the kind permission of the authors we hope to present them in a later number.

—The editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the many congratulatory letters commending his article in a recent number of the *Independent* of New York on the "Luther League."

## NEW YORK STATE.

### New York City.

—A special meeting of the Luther League of New York City will be held in St. John's Church, 83 Christopher street, on Wednesday, August 7, to indorse the recommendation of the Executive Committee favoring co-operation with the Brooklyn League in an outing and reunion at Mauch Chunk, Pa., on October 10. Particulars of this outing are given in the report of the Brooklyn League, printed elsewhere on this page. Let every one put a shoulder to the wheel to make this a grand success.

—The anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, on November 10, will be observed with more than the usual interesting exercises this year. As it will come on a Sunday, the

Executive Committee of the New York City League propose to have suitable service in the afternoon, beginning at 3.30 o'clock. They expect to engage one of the largest halls in the city for the occasion and bring out, if possible, every Lutheran in this locality. All the Lutheran pastors in this vicinity will be asked to participate, and a large chorus will be trained, composed of members of all the Leagues, to supply the musical programme.

—The Young Ladies' Society of St. Matthew's Church, Broome street, recently contributed \$60 toward the support of some indigent theological students.

—At St. John's Church the Sunday evening prayer meetings of the Luther League are held regularly during the entire summer, with excellent results; the meetings being well attended. The regular evening services have been discontinued in the church, and instead the young people's meetings are held from 8 to 9 o'clock.

—Most of the Leagues in this city have discontinued their meetings during the summer, but expect to start in again in September. We hope it will be with renewed interest and even greater enthusiasm for the work.

—The young ladies of the Luther League of St. John's Church who provided so bounteously for the members of the National League committees at their meeting on July 10 are to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements. Every one was pleased and took along a good impression of St. John's.

### Brooklyn.

—The Luther League outing to Mauch Chunk and Glen Onoka, under the auspices of the Leagues of Brooklyn and New York, will take place on Thursday, October 10, leaving Jersey City on two special trains over the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which will connect with New York by Desbrosses and Cortlandt streets ferries, leaving at 8.20 a.m. sharp, and with Brooklyn by Pennsylvania Annex, foot of Fulton street, at 8 a.m. sharp. All are invited to join in the pleasure of the outing. The fare will be \$2.25 for the round trip of 254 miles, through the finest country and grandest scenery in America. Returning, will leave at 5.30, arriving in New York and Brooklyn at about 9 o'clock. Further particulars will be printed later.

—The Young Men's Luther League of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at their June social meeting, extended a reception to their new pastor, the Rev. Hugo W. Hoffmann. On July 4 the League had an outing to Bartow, N. Y., which, despite the inclement weather, was a very enjoyable affair.

—At the new Church of the Redeemer, Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, pastor, the League members continue as enthusiastic as ever.

They take great pride in the fact that theirs was the largest delegation from any individual League at the State convention.

### Rhinebeck District.

—Rev. E. G. Hay, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Red Hook, who was a delegate from the Y. P. S. C. E. of that church to the Boston convention, gave an interesting account of that meeting at a special evening service recently.

—The services of Rev. G. W. Fortney, who filled the position of secretary and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of this district, will be greatly missed now that he has removed from Wurttemberg to Turbottville, Pa. That his services were appreciated was shown by the rising vote of thanks tendered to him on his retirement at the recent convention at Ancram.

—Six of the thirteen societies in this District League are Christian Endeavor Societies, and all manifest a deep interest in the work of the League.

### Albany and Vicinity.

—The combined Luther Leagues of Albany are making arrangements to celebrate Reformation Day in October. It is expected that this year's celebration will surpass all previous ones. The largest hall in the city will be engaged for the occasion.

—At the Schoharie County Lutheran Sunday school reunion, on August 7, at Seward, addresses are to be made by Rev. Professor Traver of Hartwick Seminary and Mr. Adolph C. Close, president of the Luther League of the Albany District, who will speak on the Luther League.

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— The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Lutheran Church at Melrose, Rev. C. Diefendorf, pastor, it is expected, will soon join the District League of Albany. They will be addressed by the president of the district on August 11.

— On July 30 the Luther Leagues of the Church of the Redeemer and St. Matthew's of Utica held an outing to Sylvan Beach, Oneida Lake.

— The Y. P. S. C. E. Society of the Lutheran churches at Crum Creek and Manheim, N. Y., Rev. J. W. Young, pastor, has made application to join the Albany District.

#### Syracuse League.

— The Luther League of Syracuse and vicinity have arranged an excursion for August 15 to Sylvan Beach, Oneida Lake. Special train leaves Syracuse on the West Shore Railroad at 8 a.m.; returning, leave Sylvan Beach at 7 p.m. The round trip tickets have been placed on sale at a very low figure, 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children.

— The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the First Lutheran Church, Syracuse, Rev. J. Zimmerman, pastor, is an organization of earnest and promising workers that meet every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

#### Rochester District.

— The regular meeting of the Luther League of Rochester and vicinity was held in the First Church, Rev. E. Heyd, pastor, at Lyons, July 18. Nearly 200 delegates and friends were present. Rev. W. J. Miller of Rochester read a very interesting and instructive paper on "What Constitutes a Lutheran." The next meeting will be held in the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, September 19. Rev. E. Heyd of Lyons will read a paper on "The Lord's Supper."

— Rev. Hartwig of Lyons was present at the meeting of the District League and reported that his young people contemplated organizing a Luther League soon.

— The Young Men's Lutheran Association, Church of the Reformation, Rochester, will have a moonlight excursion on the Genesee River and Lake Ontario on the evening of August 6.

— A reunion of Confirmation classes of the past ten years will be held under the auspices of the Young Men's Lutheran Association, Church of the Reformation, Rev. W. J. Miller, pastor, on Tuesday evening, October 22. The committee in charge are now locating the various members, over 400 in all.

#### Buffalo.

— The Lutherans of Buffalo, Rochester and vicinity will unite in a grand rally at Silver Lake, August 15. This takes in all of Western New York, and an immense crowd is expected. Two addresses will be delivered. Athletic contests and games have been arranged for. Over 25 cars have been secured to transport the members and friends of the Leagues.

— Probably the two oldest societies of the Lutheran churches in this State are to be found in the Buffalo District; they are the Young Men's Associations of St. John's, Rev.

J. Brezing, pastor, and Christ Church, Rev. Theodore Becker. Both were organized in January, 1867, and are therefore nearly 29 years old.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

#### Philadelphia League.

— A reunion of those confirmed in St. Jacobus' Church of Philadelphia, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, pastor, was held recently, the Rev. J. J. Kuendig preaching the sermon.

— There are 28 societies connected with the Luther League of Philadelphia.

— Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassaday, whose address at the Reading State Convention has been so highly commended, is the author of the Luther League Rally Hymn. She is also president of the Young Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Church, this city.

#### Allentown and Schuylkill County Districts.

— An excellent social meeting was held recently by the Luther League of Christ Lutheran Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. J. W. Mayne, pastor. Arrangements were made to hold it on the lawn in front of the church, but the inclement weather prevented. The programme comprised some excellent musical talent. The committee in charge are to be congratulated upon the success of the occasion.

— St. Luke's Luther League, Allentown, Pa., Rev. J. C. Rausch, pastor, has about 30 members. It was organized last December.

— In April, 1894, the Martin Luther League of Zion's Church, Shawnee, Pa., Rev. Theodore Heilig, pastor, was organized with 35 members. It now has over 40.

— The Luther Alliance of Zion's Lutheran Church, Frackville, Rev. H. T. Clymer, pastor, hold weekly devotional meetings. Their literary, musical and business meetings are held every two weeks. The Junior Society of this church meets every Saturday at 3 p.m.

#### Reading Central Luther League.

— The State Luther League Convention held here in June had a stimulating effect on the local Leagues of Reading. Notwithstanding the large amount of money required for the entertainment of so large a gathering, the Central is free of debt. Many Lutherans not interested in the League work previously have become active workers as a result of the excellent meetings.

— The Luther League Topics are now used by three of the local societies with great success, viz., Grace, Trinity and St. James. The meetings will be continued throughout the summer, while heretofore the churches were closed and no services held during August.

— The Extension Committee of the Central Luther League of Reading visited Kutztown on July 15, and organized a strong Luther League in St. John's Church, Rev. J. J. Cressman, pastor. The new League adopted the Luther League Topics, and upon the occasion of the first devotional meeting had an audience that taxed to its utmost the capacity of the church.

— The Extension Committee expect to organize Leagues in Hope Congregation, Ricktown and in the Church of Peace, North Reading, in a few weeks. All towns in Berks County containing a Lutheran church will be visited by this committee, and every effort will be made to make this one of the strongest Central Leagues in the State.

— Preparations are already being made for the semi-annual meeting of the Reading Central, to be held on October 10, and which promises to eclipse all previously held. A number of the most prominent League workers in the State will deliver addresses.

#### Lancaster and Vicinity.

— Mt. Joy Luther League, M. J. Bieber, pastor, though numbering only 35 members, ordered 50 copies of the convention number of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and are introducing the Luther League Topics, disseminating Lutheran literature among the members of the congregation, and will assist the Ladies' Aid Society in furnishing the new church. The League has caught the enthusiasm of its delegates to the State convention and has caught the onward and upward spirit breathed there.

— The Luther League of Zion's Church of Akron, Pa., H. E. Semmel, pastor, consists of 35 members. It was organized January 8, 1895. They meet once a week and use the Luther League Topics.

— The Luther League of Trinity Church, Ephrata, is in a flourishing condition and the members manifest great interest in the work. The new officers are: Pres., Levi M. Cooper; vice-pres., George Steinmetz; rec. sec., Miss Alice Fry; cor. sec., Miss J. C. Henninger; treas., George M. Diesolf; organist, Miss Abbie Connell; critic, Miss May Fry.

#### Catawissa and Williamsport Districts.

— St. John's Luther League, Catawissa, Pa., Rev. E. L. Reed, pastor, has two meetings a month, one for business and the other with a varied programme of literary and musical presentations by volunteers from the society. The League Topics are used in our devotional service each Sunday evening, and the interest and profit are manifest in the increased effort

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put forth by those taking part in the service. The League shows its practical worth by contributing about \$25 per month in aid of the building fund. The reports of the delegates to the State Convention at Reading, read at the regular business meeting, were quite stimulating and suggestive. The League resolved to profit by the convention, and hence will have one of the addresses published in the REVIEW read in each regular meeting until all shall have been presented in successive order. It will be sweetness long drawn-out and the surest way of bringing the best results of the convention to the individual society.

— The Junior Society of the Lutheran Church at Lykens, Pa., is very active in collecting missionary money.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of the Lutheran Church at Fisherville, Pa., Rev. H. H. Flick, pastor, recently presented their congregation with a handsome set of pulpit chairs. Miss Emma Bixler, in a neat address, presented the chairs to the church council. Elder James Miller accepted the gift on the part of the congregation in a touching address. The chairs were then put in place by the president of the society and the council; this was followed by singing and recitations, and all went home rejoicing over the happy event.

#### Cumberland Valley League.

— Rev. J. F. Hartman of Altoona, Pa., delivered a stirring address before the Christian Endeavor Society of Irving College, Mechanicsburg, on "The Young People's Age," during the commencement week. By impressive illustration and convincing logic he showed that the present is pre-eminently an age of service for the young.

#### Luther League of Centre, Clinton and Union Counties.

— The Luther League at Mifflinburg, Pa., recently organized, numbering 88 active, 4 associate and 4 honorary members. Mr. H. M. Wolf is president; Miss Mame Gast, secretary, and Mrs. Emma Keiser, treasurer. They will use the League Topics. Rev. John A. Earnest is the pastor.

#### York and Vicinity.

— A very interesting meeting was held by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Christ Lutheran Church, York, Rev. G. W. Enders, D.D., pastor, when the new officers and committees were inaugurated. Mr. Alfred Hueter is president.

— The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Seven Valley, near York, of which Rev. E. Lenhart is an active organizer, is doing a good work.

#### Greensburg and Kittanning Districts.

— The Central Luther League of Westmoreland and adjacent counties will hold its next convention at Johnstown on September 19 and 20. An excellent programme is being prepared.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of Avonmore, Pa., Rev. E. B. Burgess, has a membership of 100.

— The Young People's Mission League of Trinity Lutheran Church of Latrobe, Pa., has changed its name to Luther League. Rev. I. K. Wismer is the pastor.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of Freeport, Pa., during the last year raised \$163.22 toward church repairs, and have now turned their attention to securing a Sunday school library.

#### Northwestern Pennsylvania.

— The Central Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania held its third annual convention in the First Lutheran Church at Warren, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., pastor, on July 9, 10 and 11. On Tuesday evening, July 9, the convention was opened with the full Vesper service. In the address of welcome the pastor of the church called attention to "what should be the keynote of this convention." He suggested "Upward and Forward." The president, Prof. C. Th. Benze of Erie, responded in a happy manner, using in part an excellent poem entitled "Invocation." Rev. I. O. Baker of Erie then followed with an address on the topic, "How Can the League Aid the Pastor?" At 8.30 a.m., Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Baker conducted a song service and at 9 the League was called to order. After the report of the Committee on Credentials the election of officers was held, which resulted as follows: Pres., Prof. C. Th. Benze of Erie; vice-pres., J. L. Frederick of Greenville; rec. sec., Miss Alice Riez of Warren; cor. sec., Miss Jeanette Brown of Erie, and treas., Fred E. Bauscherd of Erie. An excellent essay on "The Consecration of the Luther League" was then read by Miss Tillie La Fountain of Cleveland, Ohio. The lack of interest not only in the Luther League, but in general church work, was generally due to a lack of consecration on the part of individuals and was clearly demonstrated. The paper called forth an animated discussion. "Opportunities and Duties of Christian Laymen" was an excellent paper, by Miss Rosa Bork of Meadville, which, in her absence, was read by Mr. Frederick of Greenville. Mr. William Bauer of Warren then discussed the topic, "What Should Be the Specific Work of the Luther League?" Mr. A. H. Waters of Greenville, "Junior Leagues; Their Objects, How to Organize," and Mr. E. O. Graham of Butler, "The League's Marching Orders." On Wednesday evening Rev. T. B. Roth, D. D., president of Thiel College, delivered his lecture, "Plymouth Rock and other Rocks." After the lecture a reception was given by the Warren League to the delegates and visitors on the lawn. It was lit up by two mammoth gas torches and a large number of Chinese lanterns. After refreshments several toasts were responded to. At 10.30 p.m. all present again entered the church, where a half hour song service was held, when the audience dispersed. On Thursday morning the general

business of the convention was attended to, and an address delivered by Rev. L. M. C. Weicksel on "The Young People and the Doctrines of the Church." It was to be regretted that the hour of final adjournment was at hand, and the most excellent addresses could not be further considered. After adjournment all arranged themselves at the side of the church for a photograph of this most successful convention.

#### Somerset County League.

— The second convention of the Central Luther League of the Somerset County Conference was held in the Lutheran Church of Rockwood, P. Bergstresser, D. D., pastor, on Thursday, July 25. Eleven societies were represented by 39 delegates. The president, Prof. J. C. Speicher of Meyersdale, presided. The sessions were devoted mainly to the discussion of young people's work in the Church, including the following: "The Young People of the Lutheran Church," "Committee Work," "A Model Programme," "Education the Basis of Christian Activity," "Benefits of a National League," "How Can the League Help the Church?" "The League Prayer Meeting," "Consecration." Prof. J. C. Speicher, Mr. John M. Johnson and Rev. M. L. Young, Ph. D., were elected delegates to the National Convention.

#### Pittsburgh District.

— At the last meeting of the Mission League of Christ Lutheran Church the following officers were elected to serve for six months:

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— The Luther League of the Lutheran Church at Avalon, Pa., is progressing nicely. New members are being added to it from time to time. Rev. C. N. Reiner is the pastor.

— The eleventh anniversary of the First General Council Mission League was held recently at Monaca, Pa. The total membership of the League is 80, and the receipts for mission purposes since its organization in 1884 have amounted to \$2,991.67.

#### IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

— The programme for the second annual convention of the Luther League Joint Synod of Ohio East, which will be held at Youngstown, Ohio, in the Martin Luther Church, Rev. E. A. Boehme, pastor, August 13, at 2 p.m., until noon of August 15, 1895, includes some excellent papers and addresses. There will also be a "Model League Meeting," conducted by one of the pastors. All in all, the indications are that this will be a very successful convention. Delegates will undoubtedly be elected to the National Convention.

— On June 23 a Luther League of 23 members was organized at Zoar Station by Rev. G. F. Mong, pastor. In his Good Hope Mission the pastor has also organized a League with 34 members.

— The Christian Endeavor Society in the Lutheran Church at Xenia, Ohio, is in an excellent condition. Rev. F. S. Deloe has just taken charge of this congregation.

— In the charge of Rev. W. H. Price a Luther League has been organized at Waynesburg, Ohio, with 45 members. This is the second League organized in this large charge of four congregations.

-- Rev. Laufman's congregation at Petersburg, Ohio, can boast of a League also. It numbers about 35 members.

— Rev. H. J. Reimann of Oil City, Pa., recently addressed the Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Massillon, Ohio, on the subject, "Home in the Light of the Lutheran Reformation." Rev. O. Weber, pastor of Faith Chapel, Massillon, Ohio, also attended the lecture with the members of his League, lately organized.

— The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Tiffin, Ohio, recently gave \$5 to the cause of home missions.

— During the Ohio C. E. convention at Springfield, Ohio, the Lutheran Rally was held in the Second Lutheran Church.

— A Young Men's League was recently formed in the Lutheran Church at Urbana, Ohio, of which Rev. H. B. Shank is pastor. There is also a Young People's Society in this church of about 100 members.

— The Young People's Society of the Jerusalem Church, Canton, Ohio, Rev. L. F. Meyer, pastor, has joined the Luther League Joint Synod East.

— The Luther League of St. Peter's Church, West Alexandria, Ohio, has at present 14 active and 6 associate members. The League is composed of active, energetic, enthusiastic and loyal Lutheran young people. The League is doing a grand work in this vicinity.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of the Lutheran Church at Lucas, Ohio, recently gave \$10 for home missions.

#### FROM THE SOUTH.

— The Young People's Society of St. John's Church at Walhalla, S. C., is a very live body just now. It collected the Lenten Offering of the congregation this winter and forwarded it to the treasurer of the Mission Board. Lately it had the pews of the church numbered, and it is now engaged in raising the money to buy a pipe organ.

— Holy Trinity, Augusta, Ga., has a Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. of about 40 members. They are all very active little workers. Their reorganization into a Junior Luther League has been under consideration.

— The young people in Charlotte, N. C., so we understand, are proposing to do great things for the Master, now that they have reorganized into a Luther League. We hope they will let us hear from them occasionally.

— On July 16 a Luther League was organized in St. James's Church, Concord, N. C., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, pastor. The League starts out with 48 members. The following are the officers: Pres., James P. Cook; first vice-pres., John A. Cline; second vice-pres., R. E. Ridenhour; sec., Jno. K. Patterson; rec. sec., Miss Maggie Caston; treas., Mrs. C. A. Cook; organist, Miss Fannie Stricke.

— The young people of St. Andrew's Church, Concord, N. C., also expect to organize themselves into a Luther League shortly. Rev. J. D. Shealy is the pastor.

— The Luther League of St. Matthew's and Mt. Lebanon churches, Orangeburg County, S. C., held a public meeting recently in Mt. Lebanon. Addresses were made by Rev. N. D. Bodie, Dr. T. H. Dreher and Bro. J. B. O'Neill Holloway. From the Scripture lesson to the close of the interesting services the attention of the audience was unabated, and all felt that the occasion marked a happy era in the life of the League.

— There have recently been organized in Macedonia Church, Burlington, N. C., a Luther League with 26 members and a Busy Bee with 29. Both have started off well and promise great usefulness in the congregation's work.

— The young people of the Lutheran Church at Selma, S. C., expect to organize a Luther League.

— At Strasburg, Va., there is a Luther League in St. Paul's Church, of which Rev. L. L. Smith is pastor, with 30 members. The League recently sent 20 suits of clothing to the children at the South View Orphanage, Salem, Va.

— The members of the Luther League of the First English Church at Richmond, Va., together with their pastor, Rev. J. A. Morehead,

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— Inquiry from Bland, Va., would indicate that the young Lutherans of that place expect to organize a Luther League.

#### IN AND NEAR MARYLAND.

— The Lutheran Young People's Union of Baltimore held its regular quarterly meeting in the Second English Lutheran Church, Rev. G. W. Miller, D.D., pastor, on July 9. J. Edgar Wylie of the First Lutheran Church, president of the Union, presided over the exercises, which were opened with prayer by the pastor of the church. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Dr. W. H. Dunbar of St. Mark's Church. The topic, "History of the Lutheran Church in America," was treated as follows: Mr. H. C. Weaver of St. Stephen's Church told of the "First Dutch Lutherans in the United States;" Mr. H. W. Penn of St. Paul's Church of "The First Swedish Lutherans in the United States;" and Mr. C. L. Lamm of the Church of Peace of "The First German Lutherans in the United States." Mr. George Scholl read a paper entitled "Education and the Lutheran Church in the United States." "The Benevolent Work of the Church in this Country" was the subject of the address by Mr. H. A. Weaver of Christ Church. Mr. William G. Wheeler of Second Church spoke of the "Importance of Lutheran Missionary Work in the United States," and Mr. James P. Reese of St. Paul's Church, Lutherville, closed the comprehensive historical review covered by the other addresses with a look into the future.

— Rev. Chas. E. Raymond has a Young People's Society in his church whose members are active in all departments of church work.

— The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Lutheran Church, Frederick, Md., Rev. Luther Kuhlman, pastor, is the largest of any in the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Kuhlman is the enthusiastic superintendent. The society was organized in February, 1894, with 26 members; now it has 205, with an average attendance of 165.

— The Young People's Society of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, are active in assisting the congregation to erect a new church. The corner stone was laid recently.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of the Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C., Rev. W. E. Parson, pastor, during the last year gave \$125 for missions.

— The officers of the Young Men's Luther Union of the First Lutheran Church, Louisville, Ky., Rev. S. S. Waltz, D.D., pastor, are: Pres., Henry Winnefield; vice-pres., Arthur Beecher; sec., William Haggman; treas., Henry Payne.

#### INDIANA AND ILLINOIS.

— A Luther League has been organized at Patricksburg, Ind., in the charge of Rev. H. L. Ridenour, and another in the charge of Rev. Rohlfing, Staunton, Ind.

— Rev. E. Gerfen has a Luther League in his congregation at Union City, Ind., with over 100 members.

— The Luther League of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., numbers 47 members. The following officers were recently elected: Pres., Roy Jensen; vice-pres., Viggo Nelson; sec., C. R. Backstedt; treas., Tina Thorsen

— At the meeting of the Luther League of Grace Church, Rock Island, Ill., on July 30, a subscription of \$75 was voted to the expenses of the congregation. Last year they contributed \$50 to the church expenses. From this it will be seen that the League is gathering strength with age.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of Memorial Lutheran Church, Freeport, Ill., recently elected the following officers: Pres., Ezra Law; vice-pres., Charles McCulloch; cor. sec., Miss Ida Becker; rec. sec., F. J. Gartman; treas., Miss Effie Liebhart; organist, Miss Ida Becker; chorister, Miss Nettie Foy.

— The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Lutheran Church at Hillsboro, Ill., pledged itself for \$50 per year for five years to the support of Mr. W. M. Beck, a graduate of Carthage College, who is now preparing to enter the mission field of Africa.

#### WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

— Rev. John F. Seibert, who is now located at Sedalia, Mo., as pastor of Trinity English Lutheran Church, expects to be able to begin the work of the Luther League there, and will try to spread it throughout the State.

— The catechumens of the Norwegian Lutheran Church at Madison City, Iowa, were gathered together recently and listened to some excellent addresses, including one on the Luther League. There is a Young Ladies' Society and a Luther League connected with this congregation. Rev. E. T. Roqua is the pastor.

— "To promote a true Christian spirit and the upbuilding of a good character, to oppose all kinds of vices, as intemperance, sensuality, profanity and infidelity," is the motto of the Young People's Society in the Lutheran Church at Chariton, Iowa. Rev. G. A. Swanburg is pastor.

— "We have just organized a Young People's Society here with 20 members," writes the pastor of our church at Helena, Mont., Rev. Augustus G. Osson. "As I am the first Swedish Lutheran minister in the State, and as yet the only one, my field is quite large. We have thousands of Swedish Lutherans in the State. They are found in every mining camp, town and city."

— Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D.D., pastor of the English Lutheran Church at Oakland, Cal., is anxious to organize a Luther League in his congregation, and, while he is busy just now in the erection of a new church, he hopes to accomplish it soon.

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# Luther League Topics

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## The King's Warning Against Hypocrites.

**Prophetic Caution.**—Ezek. 13: 16, 17; Jer. 23: 31, 32.

**Gospel Demonstration.**—Matt. 7: 15-23.

1. The gospel ministry, as well as the religion which it promulgates, like every other good thing, has its counterfeits. See Balaam (Num. 31: 16); False prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18: 40); Prov. 19: 27; 2. John 10; Mohammedanism; Mormonism; Romanism in its corrupt inventions; Free-thought; Anarchism; and some modern reformers and sects, as illustrations.
2. Who are the hypocritical or false teachers against whom we are warned by the King? (1) Those who teach human doctrine for God's Word. Matt. 15: 9. (2) Those who wilfully pervert the truth. Acts 20: 30; Gal. 1: 6, 7. (3) Those whose life, in secret or openly, is corrupt. (4) Those who preach for popularity and gain.
3. The result of their work is corrupt living and ruin to souls. V. 16. (1) Eternal life cannot come from false doctrine or the assimilation of false principles and practices. Gal. 6: 7. (2) Not every sort of so-called religious teaching will save souls. (3) Right spiritual life can only surely result from an honest presentation and acceptance of divine truth. Rom. 10: 13-17.
4. How to judge of faithful ministers of God's Word: They preach the truth with (1) plainness of speech (2 Cor. 3: 12); with zeal (1 Thess. 2: 8), constancy (Acts 6: 4), and consistency (1 Cor. 1: 18, 19); (3) with fidelity to the Word, in order to save souls (Mark 1: 17); (4) whose chief delight is in the joyous faith and holy living of the people under their care.

August 18,  
TENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY.

1895.

## The King's Regard for Sacred Things.

**The Prophetic Lament.**—Jer. 14: 17; Isa. 65: 2.

**The King in Tears.**—Luke 19: 41-48.

1. Reverence for sacred things is expressed by lamenting the too frequent coldness and irreverence of professing people. V. 41. Jerusalem was God's city. Ezek. 18: 31; 33: 11; Matt. 23: 37; Luke 13: 34, 35.
2. True regard for sacred things finds expression in a fervent longing and corresponding effort to bring all men to duly estimate and believingly embrace them. V. 42; 2 Kings 5: 3; John 4: 29; Mark 5: 20; Luke 2: 17; Luke 19: 37, 38.
3. Jealous regard for sacred things is expressed by righteous wrath towards wilful sin. Vs. 43, 44. To hate or even regard lightly that which God so dearly cherishes, is a grievous offence to His benevolent heart. A few years since a godless company of drunkards one night held a mockery of the Lord's Supper. The leader of the gang was instantly stricken dead with apoplexy, and all the rest soon died miserably.
4. Want of regard for sacred things usually results from ignorance of them and their value. V. 44; Ex. 5: 2; Jer. 9: 2; Ps. 44: 10. Inexcusable—Lev. 4: 2, 3; Gal. 4: 8, 9.
5. Want of reverence for things sacred shown by using the house of God as a place of feasting, buying and selling, and even a kind of gambling. Vs. 45, 46. Church fairs, suppers, bazaars and lotteries are surely disapproved by our Lord, as here appears.
6. Due regard for sacred things is shown by a reverent prayerful demeanor in the house of God. V. 46. Ex. 3: 5; Chapters 28-40; 19: 12; 2 Sam. 6: 6-10; Heb. 12: 20. Study how to behave in Church.
7. A proper regard for sacred things is seen in a diligent attention to hearing the Word and reverently using the Sacraments. 1 Thess. 2: 13; 1 Cor. 11: 19-22.
8. A holy reverence for holy things is evinced by a jealous defense of the character and work of the gospel ministry. Vs. 47, 48; 1 Chron. 16: 22; 2 Cor. 4: 1, 2; Gal. 4: 14; Phil. 2: 29; 1 Cor. 16: 16.

August 11,  
NINTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY.

1895.

## The King Reckoning with His Servants.

**Greed Condemned.**—Hab. 2: 6; Prov. 4: 7.

**God's Stewards in Temporal Things.**—Luke 16: 1-9.

1. All persons are "stewards" to whom God has entrusted the management of "goods"—(1) Natural talents, (2) money and property, (3) the means of grace, (4) religious opportunities and duties. Eccl. 2: 26; James 1: 17; 2 Pet. 1: 3; Rom. 12: 6; 1 Cor. 7: 7.
2. Even the King's stewards are likely to become unfaithful. (1) They may neglect to employ and improve these gifts; (3) They often use them selfishly; (3) They frequently make them the instruments of sin. This our King calls "wasting."
3. Every steward has his day of reckoning. (1) Often *in time*. Read the story of JOSEPH under Pharaoh; DANIEL under Nebuchadnezzar; FRANCE in her relation to Christianity and the Lord's day; SPAIN as a Catholic country; the CHRISTIAN WORLD in the "Dark Ages;" and many individuals within the sphere of our own observation. (2) Surely *in eternity*. Rom. 14: 12; Matt. 12: 36; 25: 34-46.
4. Lessons of wisdom which the "children of light" (Christians) may learn from "the children of this world."—(1) Seek to please your Master; (2) Be watchful against possible coming disasters; (3) Be prudent in turning to account everything that may contribute to your highest good; (4) Make yourselves close observers of the signs of the times; (5) Do not despise the help of other persons; (6) Follow up every well-formed resolution with perseverance.

August 25,  
ELEVENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY.

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## The King's Discernment of Prayer.

**Insincerity Condemned.**—Job 27: 9; Isa. 2: 11.

**The Right and the Wrong Contrasted.**—Luke 18: 9-14.

1. Prayer is the conversation of the heart with God, in the name of Christ. V. 13; 1 Kings 18; Ps. 51; 1 Kings 3: 5-9; Jer. 29: 13.
2. Right prayer is occasioned by a want of trust in ourselves and a confident trust in God. Gen. 32: 9, 10; Matt. 21: 22; Heb. 11: 6; James 1: 36; Heb. 10: 22.
3. Effectual prayer is seasoned with love and forgiveness towards our fellow men. V. 9. See the "we," "our" and "us"—the plural number—of the Lord's Prayer. Acts 7: 60; Luke 23: 33-35. Contrast the Pope's praying anathemas on non-Catholics and Jesus interceding for all men at God's right hand. Study John Knox's prayer for Scotland, Lincoln's prayer in war times, Washington at Valley Forge, and Gustavus Adolphus before the battle of Lützen.
4. Prayer is hindered (1) by a flattering idea as to our own desert (vs. 11, 12); Prov. 30: 7-9; Matt. 6: 5, 7, 12; (2) asking amiss—James 4: 3; (3) asking in unbelief—James 1: 6, 7; (4) with iniquity in the heart—Ps. 66: 18.
5. All true prayer is much mixed with repentance. V. 13; 2 Chron. 7: 14; 33: 12, 13; Neh. 1: 4, 7.
6. No matter how much good we have done, this does not remove the necessity of praying without ceasing. Ps. 55: 17; Luke 17: 10.
7. Believing penitent prayer will surely bring a blessing. V. 14; Gen. 18: 23-32; Acts 8: 15; 12: 5-9; Luke 1: 13; 18: 38, 41-43; 23: 42, 43; Acts 10: 31; 16: 25, 26.

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Responses will be made by President Eilert and the vice-presidents from the various State Leagues. The members of the Lutheran Women's League have consented to act as hostesses at the reception, which will form an important part of the evening's programme. It is hoped that all who expect to attend the convention will plan to be present at this session and take advantage of the opportunity to meet personally so many friends of the work.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the president will call the first business session to order in Association Hall, LaSalle and Madison streets, where all the day sessions will be held. Different

matters of interest to every member will be presented and decided. The afternoon session will be devoted to papers and general discussions of pertinent questions. No one church could be found in Chicago which seemed large enough to accommodate the audiences expected at the evening sessions. For that reason a trio of meetings has been arranged for Wednesday evening; those meetings will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, LaSalle avenue and Elm street, Bethlehem Swedish, Atlantic and Fifty-eighth streets, and Trinity Norwegian, Grand avenue and Peoria street. The speakers at these meetings will all be clergymen.

The morning and afternoon sessions of Thursday will be held in Association Hall, and will be similar in character to those of the previous day, including the election of officers and five members of the Executive Committee by the delegates from their own number.

On this the closing evening of the convention the Luther League will have an opportunity unparalleled in the history of the Church. Never has a Lutheran organization met in the beautiful Auditorium, which is the hall engaged for that session, nor, as far as memory serves, has any organization of young people met in the building. A large and well drilled chorus will lead the singing in addition to the large pipe organ. The speakers who have been invited to address this evening session are of the most prominent men in the country, and the programme promises to be an unusually interesting one. The 42 private boxes will be occupied by prominent Lutherans, both local and from abroad. This session will be the formal closing of the convention. On Friday morning the faculty and students of the Lake View Lutheran Theological Seminary will tender the visiting delegates a reception at the Seminary Building, Clarence and Waveland avenue, and the Art Institute will be open, free of charge, to delegates. The chairman of the Reception Committee is making arrangements for other plans of special interest, which will be announced at the sessions of the convention.

#### PROGRAMME.

The papers that will be presented at the day sessions will be of a practical character, to be followed by general discussion to permit the delegates to derive the greatest possible good for their respective societies. The topics will include such subjects as the following: *Organization, Literature, Education, Church Music, Sociability.*

At the meetings on Wednesday evening in the three churches on the North, West and South sides of the city, and which are to be held simultaneously,

the addresses that will be presented are: "The Luther League as an Inner Mission Agency in Large Cities," "Our Young People and the Reformation," "Twentieth Century Christianity," "The Rising Generation in the Lutheran Church," "The Mission of the Lutheran Church in America," "Lutheran Opportunities and Responsibilities," "The Relation of the Lutheran Church to the Future of Our Country," "The Value of Trained Christians," "The Lutheran Church and Her Mission in the World."

On Thursday, at the grand meeting in the Auditorium, among the subjects to be presented are these: "The Growing Appreciation of the Lutheran Church's Power," "Martin Luther, His Life and Work and the Influences of His Character on the American People," "The Influence of Christianity on American Institutions."

#### CREDENTIALS AND TRANSPORTATION.

Credential blanks have been prepared by the chairman of that committee, and are ready for distribution; they may be had of the General Secretary, Mr. Leander Trautman, 434 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, the State League presidents or of the committee chairman. It will simplify matters very materially and assist the local committee in making definite plans, if these credentials are sent in promptly. The Committee on Transportation have made arrangements with the several traffic associations, which include all railroads leading to Chicago, for a rate of one fare and a third for the round trip on the certificate plan—i. e., when purchasing a through ticket to Chicago (not excursion ticket) at regular rates, a certificate will be issued by the agent which will entitle the holder to a return ticket at one-third the regular fare. All Societies and Leagues, therefore, desiring to learn the exact cost of transportation for delegates can readily do so by ascertaining the rate to Chicago direct and adding one-third for return. Delegates are urged, where it is possible, to get their tickets at least one day before leaving. This should especially be done in the large cities where agents are kept busy, as a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience is caused if tickets are not purchased until the last minute. Tickets can be secured three days (Sundays excepted) prior to and during the continuance of the convention. Where it is impossible to get tickets ahead, let the delegates present themselves at the depot at least a half hour before train time, so there will be ample time for agent to fill out certificate. If certificates are not kept at your station ascertain from agent the nearest station where they can be obtained and purchase a local ticket to

such station and there take up a certificate and through ticket to Chicago.

At the convention certificates will be signed by the chairman of the Credential Committee and a special railroad agent. Due announcement of the proper time and place to present these certificates will be made at each session of the convention.

By carefully following these directions there will be no possibility of a mistake.

#### HOTELS.

For accommodating the guests, arrangements have been made with good hotels, all within five minutes' walk of Association Hall. They are: The Sherman House, which will also be the headquarters of the local committee for the convention week, Clark and Randolph streets; Tremont House, Dearborn and Lake streets; Clifton House, Wabash avenue and Monroe street; Hotel Brevoort, Madison and LaSalle streets; Windsor Hotel, Dearborn and Madison streets; Saratoga Hotel, Dearborn and Madison streets; Briggs House, Randolph and Fifth avenue; Revere House, Clark and Michigan streets; and for ladies alone, the Alpha Club, 52 Dearborn street, and the Y. W. C. A., Michigan avenue and Hubbard street. After carefully considering the matter, the local committee have decided to locate all the guests at the hotels, except where a special request is received for a private family. Without mentioning the prices at each hotel, the friends may rest assured that if, when notifying the chairman of their intention to attend this convention, they specify the amount they are willing to pay, the committee will arrange accordingly. Rooms accommodating two will cost 50 cents and upward a night, European plan, and from \$1.75 up, American plan. On account of the many stations, the many roads and the many trains coming into Chicago, no effort will be made to meet the delegates at the station; instead the Depot Police will be posted as to location of headquarters and places of meeting, and will be able to answer all inquiries correctly. The local committee would like it if all delegates would report and register at the headquarters as soon as possible after their arrival in the city.

#### THE CHURCHES AND HALLS.

A reasonable curiosity may exist concerning the places in which the meetings of the convention will be held. Grace English Church is the only entirely English Church of the General Synod in Chicago; it was built about ten years ago. Besides being well adapted for devotional services, it has admirable arrangements, for 800 can be seated comfortably in the church au-

ditorium and lecture room. The Rev. L. M. Heilman organized the church and had charge of the congregation until last November. The church of the Holy Trinity Church is the oldest or first established of the General Council churches, and is about 40 years old; the building is churchly in both exterior and interior design, and seats about 600; the Rev. C. L. Koerner has been the pastor during the last 12 years. Trinity Norwegian Church is one of the old substantial churches in appearances as well as customs. It is one of the strongest and largest congregations in the city belonging to the Hauge Synod, and the building is supposed to seat 1,000; the Rev. N. G. Peterson is the pastor. Bethlehem Swedish Church is perhaps the youngest church in the group, as it is only eight years old. A frame building, modest in appearance, it will, nevertheless, seat 500 or 600; the pastor is the Rev. G. E. Youngdahl, who is a member of the Augustana Synod.

Association Hall is a gem. Arranged so that each one in the audience can see the speakers, with acoustics so perfect that even a woman's delicate voice can be heard by all, comfortable leather seats for 1,000, six exits and 300 incandescent lights to scatter shadows. What more could one ask for in a hall.

As it is impossible to do justice to the beauties of the Auditorium in one small paragraph, let that be one of the beautiful mysteries until, like a glimpse of some fairy land, the myriad of electric lights shine upon the faces of 5,200 Luther Leaguers of America. The Auditorium is the most beautiful auditorium in the country. That is generally conceded by all competent judges. The greatest statesmen and orators of the world have spoken from its stage, and masters of music have made the echoes ring. This is the place that the Chicago people have thought none too good for Lutherans and the cause which they represent. How are they to be repaid for the work? There is one way to do it, and that is for every one interested in the cause to come to Chicago and enjoy the four days beginning with November 17.

#### LOCAL COMMITTEE.

No account of the convention would be complete without a few words concerning the *personnel* of the local Committee on Arrangements. Much of the success of the Luther League of Chicago is due to the energies of the Scandinavian young people. The same could be said of the Luther League of Illinois, and it must be said of the coming National Convention, for all the young men in the committee are descendants of Scandinavian forefathers. Working under the adverse circumstances attending inexperience, they have given

thought, attention and time to the subject, meeting and overcoming obstacles which threatened to dishearten the bravest. The preparations for a gathering of this kind are necessarily extensive; this alone would give any committee plenty of work. In this case, with the movement not thoroughly understood, much work of a Missionary character was encountered; the work has been hard, but it has been a labor of love, and love lightens every burden. Because of the ill health of one of the members of the committee, the work has been divided among the others. Mr. S. H. Holstad, 562 Crystal street,

teens, not because there were no others to call upon, but because he was just the man for both places.

There are others in Chicago just as ready to help, just as enthusiastic and just as strong Lutherans. The only way to know the power of the Lutheran Church in this, the great metropolis of the West, is to visit the city at the time of the convention. The clergyman will go from the convention realizing more strongly, if possible, what a responsibility and privilege is his in teaching these wide-awake young Lutherans, while the layman will realize what a responsibility and privilege is his in belonging to such a grand old Church, the Church of the Reformation.



#### Convention Suggestions.

BY REV. LUTHER M. KUHN.

On the eve of the great convention of the Luther League in Chicago several suggestions may be appropriately offered:

1. One of the great names of our Church is Philip Melancthon. February 16, 1897, will be the four hundredth anniversary of his birth. As the faithful friend and eminent co-laborer of Luther in the Reformation, the approaching anniversary is attracting universal attention and awakening widespread interest. While it is true his is a name belonging to history, nevertheless, Melancthon, in a peculiar sense, is the heritage of the Lutheran Church, and we cannot allow others to deprive us of the luster of his name. Because of this it would seem fitting to have the Chicago convention make some suitable provision for the observance of this event under the direction of the Executive Committee. Without doubt, some practical commemoration of this centennial can be devised and arranged.

2. The enthusiastic reception already given the Luther League, and its magnificent growth in our churches, easily suggests the propriety of considering its extension abroad. Why cannot the Luther League be made international as well as national? To know, as we do know, that there are Lutherans in all lands is at once to know that in every land where we have a church the possibility exists of organizing a Luther League. It may be early to thus measure this growing mighty movement "in the Church for the Church," but it is not too early to consider the practicability of such a world wide extension. It is at least an opportune time to give the Lutheran diaspora the benefit of a knowledge of our Luther League methods and work. A church whose youth are fed on the



ASSOCIATION HALL.

Where the Business Sessions will be held.

the capable chairman, is also chairman of the Hotel Committee, and to him all inquiries concerning accommodations should be addressed; Mr. C. J. Drierer has filled the position of secretary of the committee most acceptably, and is also chairman of the Printing Committee; Mr. T. W. Saveland makes an ideal treasurer, and is well suited to be at the head of the Reception Committee; Mr. Hugo Johnson, of the Hall Committee, has certainly done well his part, the meeting places testify to that; Mr. M. C. Olson, the Western representative of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, is a host in himself, and as chairman of the Transportation Committee promises to see that all are started for home in good shape; Mr. C. T. A. Anderson occupies a dual position, being chairman of both Credential and Finance Commit-

catechism will be in sympathy with a Lutheran young people's work in and for the Church. A competent committee, perhaps the Executive Committee, acting under the authority of the convention, charged with the duty of disseminating information about the League, and availing themselves of the signs of the times, might seize an auspicious occasion for extending the League beyond our own territorial limits. The feasibility of such a work might be profitably considered by the convention.

3. An organ voicing the Luther League to be most efficient requires large circulation and the loyal support of an increasing patronage. To make the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW more helpful, some measures might be adopted to enlarge the REVIEW by the addition of new features that might commend themselves to the editorial management. For example, a department on missions, or one on civics, might be added without expense by active co-operation, and its already recognized usefulness might be enlarged by a weekly issue instead of a monthly publication. As the property of the Luther League of America, it is within the province of the convention to authorize the Executive Committee in every way possible to promote the interests of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.



### Young People's Societies and Missions.

BY REV. J. M. REIMENSNYDER, MILTON, PA.

Two questions of great moment claim our attention. They are missions and our Lutheran youth. We are living in the missionary age of the world. It is now the chief subject of consideration among all Christians. Christians have opportunities and they have responsibilities. Times and seasons come to individuals and the Church in spiritual work as well as in time the world to men. Sowing and reaping, we are in the spiritual harvest season of the Christian Era.

When Jesus said: "The field is the world," He knew what He meant, and meant what He said. He spoke as heaven's missionary to earth. For the Son of God came as a missionary to men.

He heralded the spirit of His life and Gospel, of the Church and of Christianity.

When He said: "*Go Ye* therefore and teach *All Nations*," He outlined the relation of the Christian Church to the world; the path of individual work.

We must perform this arduous yet glorious mission of bringing the world to Christ.

Missions signifies to send out or forth. A few figures teach us a strong lesson.

The world's population is variously estimated. We give the general average:

Population of the world.....	1,411,000,000
Under Christian control.....	404,000,000
Unbelieving, and practically heathen, in the world.....	1,007,000,000
Asia.....	650,000,000
India.....	140,000,000
Africa.....	160,000,000
Japan.....	17,000,000
America.....	1,500,000
United States.....	60,000

Here is a great lesson on missions to the Christian people of this country. Nearly all the heathen are in the old world. The world cannot be made spiritual without spiritual energy.

Nations "must be born again," as well as individuals.

Our opportunity in this age of the world is apparent.

Heathendom cannot expand. The heathen nations are bounded on the East by the ocean and on the West by the strong Christian nations of Europe. Their history is written in the past, that of Christianity in the future. The old religious systems are tottering on their foundations. The triumphal dawn of the reign of the Messiah has come. The world is opening up to civilization and Christianity faster than we can occupy it. The chain of ages is breaking—Christian light is shining. China, Japan, Africa and the Isles are open to the missionary work of the churches.

Here are golden opportunities for the young Christian, and here are responsibilities and duties. Our country is the vantage battle ground of the future. The world is *looking*—coming—to America. Here are territory and opportunity, health and genius, liberty and God.

Here is a growing world. The home mission field of the United States is unlimited. Here is organized Christianity; 16,000,000 Protestant communicants. The Sunday schools and Young People's Societies of the world are largely centered here. Now is the Golden Age of Christian history.

We belong to a great Church—great historically and great doctrinally. We have nothing to change, simply keep on building.

You start with this background, you build on this foundation laid by the fathers. We have a Church planted on God's Word. Well equipped for the age and the work, educational and progressive.

#### OUR YOUTH SOCIETIES.

The membership of the Lutheran Church in the United States is 1,500,000; of this number between the ages of 13 and 35, classed as young people, there are about 400,000. What an army of

young Christians. Who can limit or measure their possibilities? Under these 400,000 youths, mostly organized or belonging to some Christian society, we might write three words after the word *Your*.

Your { Field,  
Opportunity,  
Duty.

*Our Youth* are intelligent, united, loyal, churchly and devoted, the descendants of a glorious history, "*Leagued*" together for *Christ* and *Truth*, young, brave and true. I invite this noble band of young Christian workmen to the mission fields of the world—Home and Foreign.

This is the work of Christian organization: to bring the world to Christ. Our Luther Leagues should take up the subject of missions at their meetings. Study the field and the work. Study and discuss the reports of our boards and missions and missionaries. Grow up in the work. Cultivate a missionary spirit. Seek missionary information. Have missionary lectures. Engage in active missionary work. Enlist all their membership in the course. Aid special missions. Secure reports from the field. Put life and interest in mission topics and work. It can be done if you are in earnest in the Master's work. You will grow to it step by step. Make the subject interesting to all.

It is indeed a great *work*, but there will be a great *reward* at the end. There will be a present blessing to the cause and the worker.

"Lo, I am with you always," said the Master. May God bless you all and guide you in Christian work.



### Shortest Route to Chicago.

Delegates, visitors and others attending the Second Convention of the Luther League of America, at Chicago, on November 17-20, will find the Pennsylvania Railroad the most direct route from New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and intermediate points. This is the scenic route through the Alleghany Mountains, and those coming from east of Altoona will have an unsurpassed view of the renowned horse shoe curve, as the sight at this season of the year is made doubly attractive by the beauty of the autumn foliage. There are fast and frequent trains by this favorite route, carrying through sleeping and dining cars, and they are run at convenient hours. The rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from New York to Chicago is \$26.66. For full particulars as to timetables, rates, &c., apply to any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office.



Let the prayers of the entire Church ascend for a harmonious and successful convention at Chicago.

## Luther League Parting Hymn.

BY REV. C. ELVIN HAUPT.

Forth to fields of duty,  
Lord, Thy foll'wers go ;  
Ours the cirque of beauty,  
Or black cross of woe.  
Fruits to gold are turning,  
Neath heav'n's arch of blue :  
Sun's red heart is burning,  
White-rose shows the dew.

(Refrain.) Christ ! Thy love adoring,  
Hearts Thy cross attend :  
Thy Word's light imploring,  
Till our work doth end.

Trumpets blare to action,  
Lines are in review ;  
Truth has brought conviction ;  
We Thy Will would do.  
In each right position  
May each take his way ;  
Hear, Lord, our petition ;  
Send and help, we pray. (Ref.)

Both on work and lab'rer  
May Thy blessings fall ;  
Leagued without Thy power  
Fail both great and small.  
Let us wise and willing,  
Faithful servants be ;  
Thy cross true hearts filling :  
Our life purity. (Ref.)

(Tune: Onward, Christian Soldiers.)

## Iowa Lutherans, Attention!

A Grand Rally of the Lutherans of Iowa is called for November 18, the second day of the Luther League Convention at Chicago. Lutherans of all languages and Synods of the State, both clergymen and laymen, are urged to come. Let the 70,000 Lutherans of Iowa get together and learn to know each other. Railroad rates of one and one-third fare have been arranged and reduced rates have been obtained at all the hotels in Chicago. Each Young People's Society, of whatever name, is entitled to one delegate. Railroad and hotel advantages are available by visitors as well as delegates. Let Iowa send a large delegation, and may this be the beginning of United Lutheranism and consolidated forces of the great Church of the Reformation in the State of Iowa. The place and hour for the Iowa Rally will be announced on the first day of the convention.

REV. S. R. ELSON,  
Chairman of the Committee on Federation of Lutheran Young People for the Iowa Synod.

## Lutheran Books.

All of the books mentioned on this page, in the report of the Literature Committee of the Luther League of New York State, can be supplied at the regular price by the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, P. O. Box 876, New York City.

## Luther League Reading Course.

At the last convention of the Luther League of New York State the following recommendations were unanimously adopted :

I. That a list of Lutheran books be selected. This list to be published in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

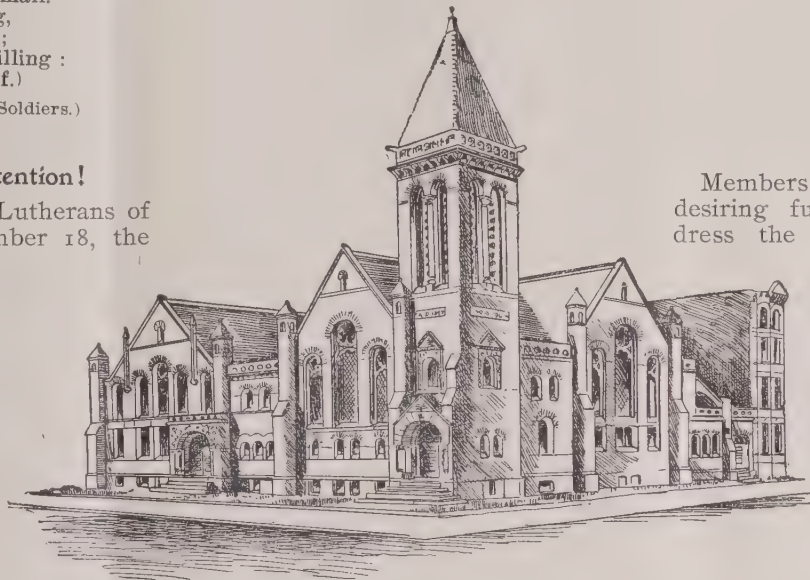
II. When a member shall have read the complete list and so informed the Literary Secretary, he shall receive, upon payment of the necessary cost, a Luther League Literary Certificate.

III. Additional lists shall be published as required. When a member shall have read each of such lists, he shall receive an additional seal to the original certificate.

IV. That a Literary Secretary be appointed by the President.

V. That a committee of five be appointed by the President, the President to be a member, to arrange and carry out the details of this plan.

In accordance with these resolutions



ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

the undersigned Committee on Literature appointed by the President, Mr. J. F. Dinkey, submit the following outline of a course of reading in Lutheranism :

### THEOLOGICAL.

Doctrinal Theology of the Lutheran Church. Schmid.

Conservative Reformation. Krauth.  
Koestlin's Theology of Luther.

### HISTORICAL.

Lutherans in America. Wolf.  
History of the Lutheran Church. Jacobs.

### PRACTICAL.

Lutheran Manual. Remensnyder.  
Ecclesia Lutherana. Seiss.  
Lutherans in All Lands. Lenker.  
Handbook of Lutheranism. Roth.

### DEVOTIONAL.

Sacred Meditations. Gerhard.  
True Christianity. Arndt.  
Elements of Religion. Jacobs.  
Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church. Gerberding.  
Golden Altar. Seiss.

### BIOGRAPHICAL.

Life of Luther. Koestlin.  
Life of Muhlenberg. Mann.  
Life of Gustavus Adolphus.

### LITURGICAL.

Outlines of Liturgies. Horn.

### DEACONESSSES.

Office of Deaconess. Wenner.

### LEAFLETS ON LUTHERANISM.

Historical Lutheranism. Monroe.  
What Makes a Lutheran? Albert.  
Lutheran Doctrine of Lord's Supper. Morris.

History, Doctrine and Worship of the Lutheran Church. Remensnyder.

The suggestion of this committee is that at least one book under each head be read and the theological one be read last or omitted altogether, as not, as a rule, designed for the lay reader.

J. B. REMENSNYDER,  
J. J. YOUNG,  
S. G. WEISKOTTEN,  
F. A. KAEHLER,  
J. F. DINKEY,  
Committee.

Members completing the course or desiring further particulars can address the Literary Secretary, Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, 26 Hart street, Utica, N. Y.

## New St. Matthew's Church, Brooklyn.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, situated at Sixth avenue and Second street, Brooklyn (a cut of which is presented on this page), will be dedicated on Sunday, November 15, the dedication and consecration

service being at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The dedicating sermon will be preached in the morning by Rev. J. W. Singmaster, D.D., of Allentown, who was a former pastor of the congregation.

The evening service will be devoted to the presentation and acceptance of the handsome gifts donated to the church.

The structure is Gothic, with modifications of later Renaissance. The materials are light brown stone and gray pressed brick, giving a most ecclesiastical appearance.

The coloring within is in two shades of terra cotta, with carpets in terra cotta and green.

The auditorium will seat 640, and by means of sliding doors can be made to seat 1,200.

The congregation now number 269, and Sunday school 300.

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## COMMENTS.

On to Chicago! The delegates will soon be flocking thither from all sections of our country to participate in the great convention of the Luther League of America, to be held in that city, November 17-20. It will probably be in number and character the greatest and most unique gathering of young Lutherans ever held in America. All sections of our Church will be represented, and the interests of the entire Church will alone be considered. We would again urge all societies to see to it that delegates are sent, and to send such as will take an interest in all the proceedings, and who will be thoroughly representative of the true spirit of Lutheranism. Grant that the spirit of peace, concord and amity may pervade all of the sessions, so that the work done will reflect favorably upon our Church and all her interests and redound to the glory of God. Again, we say, "On to Chicago," but not "onward" without a look upward for Divine guidance.



The progress of the Luther League is something really marvelous. We wonder sometimes where it will end. From the beginning it has slowly but surely won its way into the affections of

our people. It has brought to its support many of those who originally opposed it. Our most profound thinkers, those most eminent in the Church, who looked askance upon the movement, are beginning to recognize it as a power for good. One of the greatest theologians and scholars, who has spent many years in the service of our Church, recently said that after careful study of the situation he considered the League movement one of most auspicious influences in the Church to-day, and that it was destined to be a powerful agency for her welfare. And why is this so? Simply because the work bears the stamp of earnestness and sincerity; because we believe it was born of God and therefore has been blessed by God. Personalities, preferences, prejudices and differences were all laid aside, laid as it were upon the altar of our Church, that her prosperity might be assured and the Kingdom of Jesus enlarged. Let us so continue.



We often hear the question asked, "Is the world growing better?" Looking at it from a Christian standpoint we can safely answer in the affirmative. It is true, there are many who take a pessimistic view and say that the world is becoming more worldly, that Christianity is degenerating into formalism, and that infidelity is on the increase. But it is not true. The world is growing better. All that is true, good and noble in this world comes directly or indirectly from the religion of Jesus Christ. We see its peaceful mission among the nations of the earth in preserving peace. Due credit is not given Christianity for the power it exerts in the affairs of men. It affects favorably the good and the bad. Even good works done by non-religious people, such as hospitals, homes, charitable institutions, etc., would not have been brought into existence were it not for the teachings of our Saviour. Humanitarianism would be a dead letter were it not for Christ. Never more than now have so many people made an open confession of Him; never more than now has there been so much respect for His name, even among unbelievers. Christ reigns in the world more than is generally supposed.

We were impressed with an incident which occurred recently in one of the centers of the business section of the great metropolis. A workman had fallen from a building and received fatal injuries. A priest was sent for, and as he bent over the prostrate form in prayer, every head of a mass of men who had quickly gathered about the spot was bared, and a solemn silence fell upon all, broken only by the quivering voice of prayer. The busy banker and the mechanic, the business man and the laborer stood side by side witnesses of the scene, and as the crowd dispersed, every face wore a look of tender sympathy. We felt we could never again talk of "man's inhumanity to man." Yes! the world is growing better and will continue to grow until the Prince of Peace shall reign in every heart.



The Chicago convention will undoubtedly consider the question of a reading course of Lutheran literature for our Young People's Societies. By putting more such literature into the hands of our young Lutherans we will be able to do a great educational work. It will produce a more pronounced Lutheran loyalty. It will quicken the interest and beget intelligent devotion. We hope the delegates will come prepared to give the project careful consideration and hearty support. It is one of the most important questions which the League will be called upon to consider.



Years ago a well-known doctor in our Church asked for 1,000 Lutheran writers to enter the literary, scientific and church journalistic field. In view of the great work now being done by the young people in our Church it is well to again direct attention to this particular field. We need writers of all kinds of literature, bearing on all educational, social and spiritual work in the Church. Books, large and small, especially the latter, to be sold cheaply, to be thrown by the tens of thousands into every society, Sunday school and family in the land! Not only Lutheran families, but all families. Let others feel the kindly and sympathetic touch of a heart filled with divine grace and love. Let all see the brilliancy of trained and highly cultivated talent which lies latent so very abundantly in our Church to-day. Develop, reach out, accomplish for Him.

# Our Churches and Institutions.

## IN SOME OF THE CITIES.

### New York City.

— A missionary mass meeting for the purpose of promoting the cause of Lutheran missions among the Jews, will be held at Gustavus Adolphus Church, Twenty-second street, near Third avenue, on Sunday evening, November 22, at 8 o'clock. The speakers will be the Rev. Drs. E. F. Moldehnke and G. U. Wenner, and the Revs. G. Nelsenius, C. Armand Miller, A. Schaap and M. Stolpe. Addresses will be made in English, German and Swedish, and good music is assured by the combined choirs of several churches.

— Bethany Lutheran congregation laid the corner stone of their new church at Teasdale place and Third avenue on November 8. The speakers were Revs. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., and G. U. Wenner, D.D.

— English services are being held in Gustavus Adolphus Swedish Church, East Twenty-second street, on Tuesday evenings.

— The silver jubilee of Dr. E. F. Moldehnke of St. Peter's Church was celebrated with appropriate services on October 18. The congregation substantially remembered their pastor with gold contributions of over \$1000.

— On October 11, Dr. Alfred B. Moldehnke was formally installed as associate pastor of St. Peter's Church. The services were conducted by his father and his brother, Dr. Chas. E. Moldehnke.

— Revs. George P. Goll, A. Pohlman, M.D., and Will M. Beck sailed from New York on November 4 for Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, where they hope to arrive shortly before Christmas.

### Brooklyn.

— St. Matthew's congregation, Rev. E. Main, pastor, will dedicate their new church on Sunday, November 15.

— The Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, pastor, will be dedicated December 6.

— Emanuel's congregation, at Corona, N. Y., Rev. E. Zwinger, pastor, on October 4 laid the corner stone for a new parsonage. Revs. G. A. Bierdeman and A. Schmittkouz delivered appropriate addresses.

### Jersey City.

— It is gratifying to be informed that the English Lutheran Church in this place, so auspiciously inaugurated several weeks ago, is progressing with the like promise with which it started. Notwithstanding the interference of rainy weather the attendance has been good. The Sunday School, started October 4, with 26 scholars and 4 teachers, showed on the 18th 51 scholars and 5 teachers. There is a great field for such an enterprise in Jersey City, and both it and the young, enthusiastic pastor, the Rev. E. E. Neudewitz, have many warm friends.

— Rev. A. Richter, President of the New York Ministerium, who had been traveling in

Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, returned on October 12, and was greeted with a hearty reception by his congregation.

### Chicago.

— The First Lutheran Deaf Mute Congregation of Our Saviour was recently organized in Chicago, with 16 members. Rev. E. Renike is the pastor.

— In Lake View, Chicago, Trinity Swedish Lutheran congregation is building a handsome church. It will be 100 feet long and in the Gothic style. The description given indicates that the whole construction and arrangements will be decidedly churchly.

### Baltimore.

— St. Paul's Church of Baltimore have extended a unanimous call to Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D., of Gettysburg, Pa., to become their pastor in the place of Rev. C. R. Trowbridge, resigned.

— During the synodical year the Second Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. George W. Miller, D.D., pastor, contributed for all objects a sum amounting to nearly \$8,000. The Young Men's Association of the church have reopened their reading rooms, and everything is in active operation for the work of the winter.

— Rev. George P. Goll, the African missionary, was recently married to Miss Mary Perine of this city.

## NEW YORK STATE.

— The Lutheran chapel which is being built in Schenectady, N. Y., Rev. W. G. Thrall, pastor, will be dedicated on Tuesday, November 8. The president of the Albany District League will talk to the young people on the afternoon of that day.

— *The Lutheran Visitor*, a paper published in the interests of Zion's and Gardnersville and St. John's Lutheran Church, at Seward, N. Y., has made its appearance. It is very creditable and no doubt will do much to foster a Church love and keep a knowledge of Church work before the people of this section.

— St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Amsterdam, N. Y., Rev. E. L. Driebelbis, pastor, has just purchased a parsonage next to the church property. We are glad to note the enterprise and progressiveness of this congregation.

— An evidence of the interest taken in the English work of the New York Ministerium by the ministers engaged in it is the fact that

although scattered from Jamestown, on the west, to Brooklyn and Newark, N. J., on the east, every man was present at the meeting for organization of the English Conference in Utica on October 13.

— Trinity congregation, Rochester, Rev. Altpeter, pastor, are raising their church building and will convert the basement into a Sunday school room.

## NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.

— The English Lutheran congregation at Trenton, N. J., Rev. E. B. Killinger, pastor, are contemplating the building of a new church.

— Trinity congregation, Elizabeth, the first English Lutheran congregation organized in this large and growing city, was recently organized, with 15 members, by Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel of East Orange, N. J.

— Rev. H. C. Grossman was installed as pastor of St. James' Church, Chalfont, Pa., on October 16, by Revs. M. Scheeleigh, D.D., and U. S. G. Rupp.

— On September 27 the corner stone of a new Lutheran church was laid at White-marsh, Montgomery County. The edifice will be quite a handsome structure and will cost about \$15,000. Rev. J. E. Dietrich is the popular pastor.

— St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport, Pa., was dedicated with interesting services October 4, 1896.

— The corner stone of the new Grace Lutheran Church, Pottstown, Pa., was laid with appropriate services Sunday afternoon, October 4, 1896. The services were in charge of Rev. J. J. Kline, the pastor, and addresses were delivered by Rev. R. D. Roeder of Norristown and Rev. D. K. Kepler. Rev. Weber of Boyertown led in prayer, Rev. Bickel announced the hymns. At the conclusion of the service the clergy and audience formed in procession and marched to the site of the new church.

— Rev. Dr. Jacob Fry officiated in Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa., for the last time as the regular pastor of the congregation, Sunday, September 27. In the morning the Holy Communion was observed, upward of 1000 members participating. Prior to the sacrament, Dr. Fry made a brief address touching upon our Lord instituting the sacrament of the Last Supper before He separated from His followers. It was a sad separation of

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pastor and people. In the afternoon Dr. Fry delivered a touching farewell address to the Sunday school and teachers. In the evening he preached his farewell sermon to an overflowing congregation.

— St. John's congregation, Erie, Pa., Rev. G. A. Benze, pastor, is enlarging its church building. When completed, it will be the largest church building in Erie, and one of the largest Lutheran churches in the whole State of Pennsylvania. Rev. Benze has two brothers attending the Chicago Seminary. During the summer he used them both, the one as his assistant, the other in doing mission work and supplying a nearby country church. We understand that the Luther Memorial Church, Rev. I. O. Baker, pastor, has two students in the Philadelphia Seminary. Erie, with three missions and four theological students, has a Lutheran future before her.

#### MISCELLANY.

— Rev. Will M. Beck, who will be supported by the young people's societies as missionary to Africa, was recently ordained to the holy ministry by the Synod of Northern Illinois. The sermon by Rev. E. Brown was impassioned and eloquent. At the close a farewell service was held for Brother Beck. The whole service was impressive and deeply interesting.

— St. John's Church of Richmond, Ind., recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

— St. Paul's congregation of Siegel, Iowa, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on October 4.

— The total number of students in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is 180; 55 were lately admitted; 6,000 persons attended.

— Rev. Luther M. Kuhns of Omaha, Neb., laid the corner stone for the new Grace Lutheran Church on October 25. Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D.D., W. H. Singley, D.D., and Luther P. Ludden participated in the services.

— On Sunday, October 11, it was just 50 years since Rev. George A. Nixdorff, now of Frederick, Md., entered the active work of the Gospel ministry. Rev. Nixdorff is in excellent health.

— The corner stone of the new Lutheran Church of Newberry, S. C., Rev. Dr. Fox, pastor, was laid on October 20. Addresses were delivered by Drs. R. C. Holland and Edward T. Horn of Charleston.

— The new *Lutheran* has made its appearance, and makes an excellent showing. With the consolidation of the *Workman and Church Messenger* its success seems assured from the outset. With Dr. G. F. Krotel as editor-in-chief and an excellent staff of writers its contents should be of the highest order.

— The Luther League of Central Connecticut will observe Luther Day with a celebration on November 10, in Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn.

#### Wigwams in Chicago.

BY REV. R. E. M'DANIEL, PH.D.

All of the delegates to the "Luther League of America," which meets November 17-20, in Chicago, along with hosts of visiting young Lutherans, will little dream, on the thirteenth floor, that the site of that great city, greatest Lutheran city, was once covered with Indian wigwams. Yet such is the fact. The whole tract of ground now occupied by the city could have been bought for a few dollars. Now the ground is sold by the foot and inch.

Why this change? Not because the young Lutherans will meet there in Second National Convention, but because they in common with others helped to make and keep this country what it is—a progressive land.

The "wigwam" has disappeared, and in its stead has come the Christian home, the Church, the school, the college and the many other means for the advancement of civilization.

The Lutheran Church has done her share in all this work, as her institutions testify.

Her colleges, seminaries and institutions of mercy have been multiplied, while the press is scattering knowledge in half a dozen tongues among 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 of people. Church buildings, some approaching cathedral proportions down to the little chapel, silently testify to a preached word and rightly administered sacraments.

The "Red American" is displaced by the "White American." He to them becomes the "Fair God," and they slowly melt away at his approach. The law of the "survival of the fittest" seems to have doomed the red race. And now it's the law of the "survival of the truest;" the one best instructed and best calculated to enforce the truths of the Gospel of Christ by the best life, the highest type of Christian Culture, the cleanest cut method of applied Christianity, the most forcible discriminating power and most highly developed spirituality.

The true Lutheran Church lives entirely for the future. All her energies and vital forces are bent in proclaiming Christ and His truth committed to her hands.

— Reformation Festival was observed by all the Luther Leagues of Lancaster uniting in celebrating in Old Trinity Church, on the evening of October 31. Each of the local pastors took part in the exercises, and the principal address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Theodore E. Schmank of Lebanon, editor of the *Lutheran Church Review*. The silver offerings were devoted toward sending the delegates of the Central to the National Convention on November 17.

#### Luther League Review.

Many of the Luther Leagues and other Young People's Societies throughout the country are taking advantage of the exceptional Club Rates which the REVIEW is offering, but there are still quite a number who have not been heard from. Pastors and officers should endeavor to keep their members informed as to what is going on among our Lutheran young people by having them become subscribers at once.

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## Second Convention of the Luther League of America, November 17-20, 1896, at Chicago, Ill.

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— New Jersey State League have selected the following delegates to the National Convention: Mr. Robert Dickson of Saddle River, Rev. E. B. Killinger of Trenton, L. Van Gihluwe of Asbury Park, Rev. J. B. Krechting of New Germantown, Miss Lena Block and Miss Otilia Kieseles of Newark, Mr. Chas. Salathe of Elizabeth, Mr. H. W. Lindeborn of Camden, Alfred J. Royer of Atlantic City.

## NEW YORK STATE.

### New York City.

— At the delegates' meeting of the City League, held October 9, the final arrangements for the annual Luther Day Rally were perfected. The speakers secured and their subjects are: Rev. W. J. Miller of Rochester on "Hidden Forces;" Rev. C. Armand Miller of New York City on "Inquire of the Former Age," and Rev. Dr. H. Louis Baugher of Gettysburg on a special topic. It was also unanimously carried to instruct our delegates to Chicago to invite the Luther League of America to hold its third convention, in 1898, in New York City. The Executive Committee were empowered to form a Choral Union to furnish the music for our conventions and public gatherings. This temporary organization was later on perfected and Mr. Emanuel Schmank, organist and choir master of the church of the Holy Trinity, chosen director. The Union will rehearse every Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Grace Church, 125 West Seventy first street, and any Lutheran having a good voice is invited to join. Dues are \$1 per quarter, payable in advance. Further information can be had from Mr. George D. Boschen.

— The Annual Luther Day Celebration of the City League will be held in Y. M. C. A. Hall, Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, on Tuesday evening, November 10, at 8 o'clock. Eminent speakers have been secured and good music is assured.

— St. Mark's Luther League held their annual election on October 5. The work of the new officers and committees is resulting in bright meetings. Bible study meetings have been resumed, with a satisfactory attendance. The young people of St. Mark's will soon start in to help liquidate a debt of \$8,000 on the church property.

— A bicycle club among the members of the City Leagues will be organized this winter. Those interested address Henry Seifert, 64 Seventh street, or W. C. Otten, 166 Seventh avenue.

— A very pleasant evening was spent in the chapel of Gustavus Adolphus Swedish Lutheran Church on the first Friday in October, when the Young People's Society of that church and the Luther League of St. Mark's Church met in a joint meeting. This meeting was in return for one tendered by St. Mark's League to Gustavus Adolphus Society some time before. A good programme was rendered, introductions and refreshments were then in order and the presidents of both societies made short addresses appropriate for the occasion. The Luther League Rally Hymn was sung with a will at the opening and clos-

ing of the meeting. The two sociables will certainly be remembered with pleasure by both societies.

— The united societies of Gustavus Adolphus Church held a bazaar for the benefit of Upsala Institute in Brooklyn on the evenings of October 9 and 10, the proceeds of which were very satisfactory.

— A successful entertainment was given by the Luther League of St. James on October 27, consisting of readings, vocal and instrumental music, for the benefit of the church mortgage fund.

— The St. John's Social Union will give a concert in Y. M. C. A. Hall, Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue, on November 17. Eminent talent has been secured.

— On October 14 a Young Men's Association was organized in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, on East 156th street, near Courtlandt avenue (Rev. E. A. Behrens, pastor). The objects for which the association was organized commend themselves to every Christian young man, and the prospects for the success of the society are very bright, as the membership is rapidly and wonderfully increasing. The meeting rooms are open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, from 7 30 till 10 o'clock, and all sorts of reading matter and entertainment is provided for the members. Applications for membership may be made to any of the officers, on any of the meeting nights, at the association's rooms. The officers elected at the October 14 meeting are: L. Schaefer, pres.; Jacob Koch, vice-pres.; A. W. König, sec.; Val. Knobloch, treas.; A. P. Luhrs, librarian.

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## Brooklyn.

— The Annual Luther Day Celebration of the Luther League of Brooklyn will be held in St. Peter's Church, Bedford, near Dekalb avenues, on Wednesday evening, November 11. The speakers are Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D.; Rev. J. Fred. W. Kitzmeyer and Rev. Emil Roth.

— An original and highly interesting mock trial was presented at the October social meeting of St. Paul's Luther League (Rev. Hugo W. Hoffmann, pastor) and was greatly enjoyed by all. A large delegation from the League were among the visitors to the Wartburg Home on Labor Day.

## Rhinebeck Central.

— The thirteenth semi-annual convention of the Luther League of the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene and Ulster convened in St. Peter's Church, Rhinebeck, Rev. Chester H. Traver, pastor, on October 7. The attendance was very good, 11 societies being represented, and all were most hospitably entertained by the society of St. Peter's. The convention was welcomed by the pastor and responded to by President George Saltford of Rhinebeck. "Echoes from the State Convention" were presented by Miss Emma Stupplebeen of Hudson. "Consecration" was the theme of five excellent papers by Warden Snyder of Manortown, E. B. Simmons of West Camp, Miss Schaarts of Rhinebeck, Miss Gertrude Traver of Viewmonte and Mrs. Schultz of Wurtemberg, and an address on "Prayer" by Rev. C. Diefendorf of Wurtemberg. In the evening the convention listened with interest to an address by Rev. C. T. McDaniels of Hudson on "The Blessed Reflex Influence of Mission Work," and one by Rev. G. Albert Getty of East Schodack on "Something to Do." Rev. R. E. McDaniel and W. S. Cross were elected delegates to the National Convention. With a feeling that it had been good to be there, the convention adjourned to meet in May at Ghent, Rev. J. E. Hoick, pastor.

— The young people of St. Paul's Church, Liberty, N. Y., Rev. A. Douglas Spaeth, pastor, are planning to organize a Luther League shortly.

## Albany District.

— The morning of Tuesday, October 20, the day of the annual mass meeting of the Luther League of the Albany District, dawned with the rain falling steadily. Meeting was called in Zion's Lutheran Church, Cobleskill, N. Y., Rev. T. T. Everett, D.D., pastor. The officers on arriving felt the depressing influence of the weather most keenly, but soon those feelings were changed to gladness and joy when we found a delegation of 20 had driven across country from St. Mark's League, and eight had driven at least ten miles further, from old St. Paul's League, at Johnstown, N. Y., Rev. Black, pastor, besides two young men had come 135 miles, from the Utica Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, pastor. These latter members were compelled to start the night

before our meeting in order to arrive for the morning session. These evidences of devotion to the cause for which we are laboring made the day happy and bright indoors, although outside everything was gloomy. The meeting was a most successful one, bringing into the Schoharie Valley a knowledge of our work. During the afternoon a general discussion as to methods of conducting meetings of our societies was had, and every pastor and a number of our young people brought out many good ideas, which no doubt can and will be utilized. The following were elected as delegates to the National Convention at Chicago, to represent the District: Revs. T. T. Everett, D.D., and Rev. Wm. Baum, Jr.; alternates, Rev. B. Pick, Ph.D., D.D., and Rev. J. H. Weaver of Centre Brunswick. During the evening Rev. W. Baum, Jr., delivered an address on "Lutheran Landmarks," the Rev. J. H. Weaver on "In Season, Out of Season." Both addresses were listened to with the utmost attention and highly appreciated. Closing the exercises the pastor loci, Rev. T. T. Everett, D.D., made a most touching closing address appropriate to the hour of parting. We all have reason to remember the most kindly and hospitable treatment of our friends in Cobleskill.

— The president of the Albany District addressed the two societies of the Lutheran churches at West Sand Lake on the evening of October 14, on the aims and objects of the League.

## Syracuse District.

— At the regular meeting of delegates of the Luther League of Syracuse and vicinity, the Rev. H. G. Dattan was unanimously elected a delegate to represent this District at the National Convention, at Chicago, and Rev. J. Zimmerman was elected the alternate.

— The Central League will observe Luther Day on Sunday evening, November 8, at St. John's Church. The Executive Committee will appoint the speakers and assign the subjects.

## Rochester and Buffalo.

— The Young Men's Association of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, will celebrate Luther's birthday by a special service for Lutherans of Rochester, Tuesday evening, November 10.

— The Walther League (Buffalo District) held its semi-annual convention in Buffalo, Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. The sessions were held in the hall of the Lutheran

Young Men's Association, on Michigan street, a mass meeting being held in the Missouri Trinity Church, Rev. Senne, pastor, on Sunday evening. Delegates were present representing churches in Western New York, Pennsylvania and Canada.

— The quarterly delegates' meeting of the Luther League of Buffalo was held in the Church of the Redeemer, Wednesday, October 21. Plans for the State convention were discussed, a Committee on Finance appointed and a Business Committee elected to manage the German and English papers published by the League.

— Buffalo Central League delegates to Chicago are Mr. William Hengerer, C.G. Grauer and Rev. F. A. Kaehler. Dr. F. C. Gram and Rev. W. L. Hunton, chairman of the State Executive Committee, will go as State delegates. The individual societies have not yet elected delegates.

— The semi-annual convention of the Luther League of Buffalo was held Thursday, October 23, in the Swedish Church. A paper was read by the Swedish pastor's wife, Mrs. N. J. Forsberg, on "Woman's Influence in the Congregation," and addresses were delivered by Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch and Rev. W. L. Hunton. The former spoke in German on "The Spirit and Work of the Luther League," the latter in English on "Young Lutherans, What They Should Know and Do." The convention was opened in Swedish and closed in German. The programme was largely English. A true Lutheran spirit pervaded it all.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

## Philadelphia League.

— St. Luke's Luther League of Philadelphia, Rev. J. L. Sibole, pastor, meets every Monday evening. The third Monday in the month is the time for the transaction of business. At the last business meeting, October 19, the Membership Committee reported that there were at present 142 members on the roll. At the same meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Pres., Harry C. Kline; vice pres., Miss Miriam Elton and Mr. Geo. W. Geasey, Jr.; sec., Mr. Geo. Schmidt; fin. sec., Miss Carrie Friend; treas., Mr. Harry Langenschawdt. The League has also elected a delegate to attend the National Convention to be held in Chicago. During the past month an appeal came to the League for aid in behalf of home missions, to which the members cheerfully responded by con-

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tributing the sum of \$25. On Monday evening, November 3, the League, in connection with its regular service, celebrated the Reformation by having a series of short, spicy papers read on "Luther at the Diet of Worms," interspersed with the Battle Hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." On Monday evening, November 29, the League expects to hold its third anniversary.

— The second anniversary of the Luther League Society of the Lutheran Church of the Trinity was held on October 8, on which occasion a beautifully arranged programme was rendered. A fine silk banner was presented to the society by Mr. J. William H. Heintz, which was greatly admired by all for its beauty. The pastor, Rev. S. A. K. Frances, received the same in behalf of the society. The address of the evening was delivered by William C. Stoevers, Esq., president of the Philadelphia Luther League. The church was artistically festooned in the conventional colors of the society, which added greatly to the evening's success. The collection lifted was deposited into the new Sunday school fund.

— A rally of the West Philadelphia Luther League was held in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Powelton avenue, below Fortieth street, on Friday evening, October 30, 1896. The addresses were as follows: "The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century." I. What it was, Rev. J. W. Horine. II. Its effect on the past, Rev. E. H. Pohle. III. Its possibilities for the future, Jas. H. Wolfe, Esq.

— The Epiphany League, Manayunk, Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, pastor, is a small League, but wide awake. In September, at the business meeting, Mr. W. C. Stoevers, president of the Philadelphia League, addressed the meeting, speaking of the line of work to be pursued by all Leaguers.

Bucks, Chester and Montgomery Counties.

— The Luther League of Zion's Lutheran Church of Pikeland Township, Chester County, Pa., was organized a year and a half ago, and has steadily increased in membership until they now number 40. They have one social and one literary meeting each month and two regular monthly devotional services. The devotional services are conducted by members previously appointed by the Devotional Committee. The activity of the League has been quite marked. They have raised almost sufficient funds to furnish an infant department, which will be arranged in the large Sunday school room of the church. The following officers have been appointed to serve the ensuing six months: Pres., Miss Emma Faust; vice-pres., Mr. Harry Kook; sec., Mr. Luther Gilbert; fin. sec., Miss Jennie Emrey; treas., Mr. John Beau. Rev. J. B. Haigler is the pastor.

Allentown District.

— The fourth semi-annual convention of the Central Luther League of the Allentown District was held in St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. Paul G. Klingler, pastor, on October 29, 1896. Delegates from nearly all the societies were present, as well as a

number of pastors and many visitors. Important business relative to the welfare of the Central and its individual Leagues was transacted and each society was urged to send at least one delegate to the National Convention at Chicago. Rev. C. Armand Miller of New York City delivered a powerful address on "The Foundation Principles of the Reformation" at the afternoon session. At the evening session Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., of Allentown, Pa., spoke on "The Lutheran Reformation and the Luther League, or the Sixteenth Century in the Nineteenth." Rev. W. S. Freas, D.D. of York, Pa., spoke forcibly on "Loving Our Own." The sessions were well attended and enthusiasm ran high.

— At the regular quarterly meeting of the Luther Leagues of the Bethlehems, on October 12, \$25 was devoted toward St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, in North Bethlehem. This is a new mission. There are now seven active Lutheran churches in the Bethlehems, with a total of more than 2600 confirmed members and over 2500 scholars in the Sunday schools. Upper Lehigh Valley Luther League.

— The fifth semi-annual convention of the Luther Leagues of the Upper Lehigh Valley was held in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Hazleton on October 27. Three sessions were held, Rev. J. O. Schlenker, presiding. A hearty address of welcome was made by Rev. E. F. Ritter, pastor of the congregation, and responded to by the president. Nine pastors were present, viz.: Revs. Kuder, Ebert, Wuchter, Kuntz, Hemsath, Gerberich, Ritter, Schlenker and Bruning, and five delegates from each of the 13 Leagues in the Central. Rev. C. H. Hemsath of Conyngham was elected delegate to the National Convention at Chicago, November 17. The sum of \$50 was appropriated to the support of the Audenried and Beaver Meadow parish. A number of new Leagues are to be organized in the district, a committee of three having been appointed to attend to this matter. The Leagues were authorized to assist their congregations in raising the Jubilee Fund of Synod. The delegates of the State League Convention at Lancaster read their reports, each one giving an account of the different sessions, viz.: Revs. Schlenker, Ebert, Gerberich and Wuchter and Miss Dieterline. Each local League was called upon to give a report, some of the reports being very gratifying. The next meeting is to be held in Trinity Church, Lehighton, Rev. J. H. Kuder, pastor, two other Leagues extending invitations. "The Relation of the Luther League to the Synod" was the subject of a paper read by Rev. Ebert. Miss Jennie Spangler read an essay: "The

Luther League and the Bible," followed by Rev. D. G. Gerberich, who spoke on "The Luther League and Mission Work." Next in order was Rev. C. H. Hemsath, whose remarks related to Luther translating the Scriptures in the Wartburg.

— At the evening session the first topic after the devotional exercises was "Some Elements of Strength in the Luther League," by Rev. J. J. Kuntz. "What Part Should the Older Members of a Congregation Take in the League" was ably discussed by Rev. J. O. Schlenker. "Does the Luther League Fill a Felt Want in Our Church?" was discoursed upon by Rev. A. C. Wuchter. "The Luther League and Its Part in Mission Work" was the topic of an essay by Miss Eva Kunkle. The treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of over \$200. Most of the Leagues will hold Reformation Day exercises, and some will also hold exercises in commemoration of Luther's birthday, November 10, a number of Leagues holding a union service in a church centrally located. Thus ended another enthusiastic and instructive convention. The day

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Geo. H. Rauck, New Holland, cor. sec.; W. D. Keeney, Manheim, treas. The appointed delegates to the National Convention are: Mr. F. P. D. Miller, Rev. F. F. Buermeier and Catharine Meister; alternates: J. W. Holman, Rev. M. J. Bieber and W. Mearig. The spring convention will be held in Mount Joy. The Lancaster Central comprises 16 local Leagues; it has a membership of 1269, representing a congregational membership of 3436. The money raised for different purposes was \$594.22.

— Trinity Luther League, Mount Joy, sent as delegates to the Central Convention at New Holland, October 20, Rev. M. J. Bieber, G. W. Shaffner, Esq., H. M. Widman, Mrs. A. S. Dillinger, Misses Bertha Manning and Emma Dierolf. Miss Dierolf was elected secretary of the Central. Trinity's representation was not confined to the delegates, and the usual infusion of new life and energy into the League is a happy resultant of the enthusiastic and helpful meeting in the old, historic and interesting Lutheran Zion of New Holland.

#### Schuylkill and York Counties.

— The Endeavor Society of Mahanoy City has given \$25 for foreign mission work in India.

— The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. James' Church, Ashland, Rev. W. M. B. Glanding, pastor, has sent to the relief of Boards of Home and Foreign Missions \$20.50.

— The Ladies' Aid Society of Christ Church, Manchester, recently contributed \$20 toward defraying the expenses of a new slate roof and also about \$75 toward the purchasing of a new carpet for the above church. The officers of the society are: Pres., Mrs. Kate Melhorn; sec., Mrs. D. H. V. Gress; treas., Miss Jennie Gross. The pastor and congregation feel justly proud of this noble band of women who no doubt will accomplish much in the interest of the church.

— Twenty-five dollars have been given by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Messiah's Church, Harrisburg, Pa., to the support of Rev. Yeiser.

— The C. E. Society of St. James' Church, Gettysburg, contributed \$25 to the C. E. Memorial Lutheran Mission at Cleveland.

#### Greensburg Central.

— The Greensburg Central is taking a careful survey of its territory. New Leagues are being organized and old ones being strengthened. The Committee on Extension of League Work consists of the following named persons: President of the Central, George J. Gongaware; Chairman of Uniontown, Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., Rev. G. G. Ruff, Rev. Paul Glasow, Rev. P. Doerr, Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, Mr. Chas. K. M. Creary, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau.

#### Pittsburgh Central.

— The semi-annual meeting of the Central Lutheran Association of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and vicinity will be held on November 10, in Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Freeport, Pa., the Rev. H. E. Keller,

pastor. The addresses will include the following: "Our Church as a Home," the Rev. I. P. Zimmerman; "Our Church as a School," Mr. C. G. Smith; "Our Church as a Field of Labor," Mrs. Collins; "How Can We Best Make the Y. P. S. a Means of Self-Improvement?" opened by the Rev. J. B. Markward.

— Trinity League, Verona, Pa., at its regular meeting elected Miss S. H. Murdock as a delegate to Chicago. Vice-president Lydia Richardson read a selection "Keep Out of Ruts;" Miss F. Snyder one on "Nobody Else," and Miss L. Woolsey "The Lord and Pharisee." Delegates to the Central from both the Senior and Junior Leagues were elected.

— The new Salem Lutheran Church, New Milford, Pa., was dedicated October 25. The cost of the church was \$6,675. Of this amount \$400 was given by the C. E. Society, composed of 75 members. Rev. M. O. T. Sahm is the pastor.

— At the annual meeting of Luther League of Grace Lutheran Church, Rochester, Pa., held October 3, the following officers were elected: Pres., Geo. A. Baldwin; vice-pres., H. M. Camp; rec. sec., Jennie Smith; cor. sec., Lottie C. Breckenridge; treas., Anna B. Stidham; organist, Lydia Lohrey.

#### OHIO.

— Rev. C. K. Hunton has organized a Luther League at Ada, Ohio. The League conducts Sunday evening devotional meetings and issues a "Topic" card each quarter on which is announced the subject and speakers for each Sunday evening. The Ada League is ready to unite with the Lima Central League, which, without doubt, will soon be organized.

— The C. E. Society of Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, elected the following officers: Pres., Emma Sell; vice-pres., Ben Landis; sec., Mabel Benner; treas., Herbert Bielefeldt.

— Rev. G. A. Bruegel of Thiele College, Greenville, Pa., is endeavoring to organize a Luther League at Findlay, Ohio. He is temporarily filling the pulpit of this congregation.

— At its recent convention in Dayton the Joint Synod of Ohio directed the District Synods to take into consideration the subject of the Luther League, with a view to having the matter discussed at the next general convention.

— September 3, 1896, Rev. J. E. Schindel held a reunion of the Fairfield County, Ohio, pastorate, on the Fair Grounds at Lancaster, Ohio, at which time the four Luther Leagues made excellent reports. Rev. C. W. Lifford of Newark made an address.

— On October 11 the Luther League of Newark conducted the Sunday evening service, the enjoyment of which was heightened by an eight minutes' talk (out of 15 minutes between trains) from Dr. Pohlmann. They have also determined to build an India prayer house, having already raised part of the funds.

— On November 1 Rev. Dr. Richards'

League, at Zanesville, Ohio, celebrated the nailing of the 95 theses by a public meeting.

#### ILLINOIS.

##### Chicago.

— The eleventh quarterly convention of the Luther League of Chicago was held October 26, at Immanuel Norwegian Church, Maplewood avenue and Cherry place, with an audience which taxed the capacity of the pretty building. Held at a time so near the Reformation season, the convention committee wisely arranged a Reformation programme, with addresses by Rev. M. L. Wagner of Vandalia, Ill., and Rev. L. McMurray. A discussion to be opened by Rev. J. N. Kildahl was postponed until another time, as the remainder of the programme filled the entire evening. The early part of the evening was devoted to song service, business and a short address by S. H. Holstad, who spoke of the National Convention. Three delegates were appointed by the President to represent the Chicago League at the second convention of the Luther League of America, Mr. F. E. Jensen, Miss Mattie Quales and Rev. J. J. Clemens.

— Trinity Norwegian Luther League gave a most delightful concert on the evening of October 17. All the participants were artists in their respective lines, and the audience was more than repaid for attending.

— Wicker Park Y. P. S. arranged a stereopticon entertainment for October 21, with Prof. A. C. Clay as lecturer. All present unite in saying that Prof. Clay gave a most interesting and instructive talk.

— St. Mark Luther League (West Side) gave a concert on October 28 at the chapel. These three entertainments were arranged with a view of contributing liberal sums to the treasury of the local Committee on Arrangements, but a concatenation of circumstances seemed to prevent large audiences, and consequently large receipts; so other methods must be adopted for collecting funds.

— The Passavant Missionary Society has resumed work, and promises to accomplish much good during the winter months.

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**In Other Districts.**

— Rev. Y. L. Neve of Bremen, Ill., is about to organize a Luther League. At a called meeting a few weeks ago there were over 100 young people present.

— Rev. B. Garten of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., has again been appointed a member of the Extension Committee of the State League of Illinois. The other members are Miss Alfrida Hoff of Rockford and Mr. Anton Youngdahl of Chicago.

— The Luther League of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., holds regular missionary meetings, at least one in two months. At every meeting collections are taken up for the different departments of Home Missions and for Foreign Missions.

**INDIANA.**

— The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, together with the other societies of the church, tendered a reception to the pastor, Rev. Huber. He had been absent for about two months on a trip to Europe, and has now returned. The League has asked him to give a lecture on Germany. He will do so in the near future. Several Young People's Societies of Indiana have undertaken the work of educating Miss Stanley of Richmond for the Foreign Mission work. She is attending Wittenberg College.

— The C. E. Society of our church at Camden, Ind., contributes \$5 to the Memorial Mission at Cleveland, Ohio.

**NEBRASKA.**

— The following report and recommendations on the Luther League were submitted to the Nebraska Synod, at Stella, Neb., on October 9. After more than an hour's delightful discussion the report and recommendations were adopted as read:

Mr. President and Brethren:

As a matter of information I would submit the following: I attended the first National Convention of the Luther League of America, held in the First Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., October 30 and 31, 1895. Four hundred delegates were present and the convention was most enthusiastic. Its basis is the Word of God and the Augsburg Confession, the basis of our beloved Church. Upon this basis membership in the National League Convention is accorded any young people's society, of whatever name, belonging to any Lutheran Church. The Second Annual Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Chicago, November 17-20, 1896.

I recommend: 1, That our pastors direct the attention of our Young People's Societies to this movement "in the Church for the Church," and encourage these societies, of whatever name, to send a delegate to the Chicago Convention next November; 2, that a committee of three be appointed who shall take the necessary steps toward organizing for Nebraska a State Central Luther League. Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER M. KUHN,

Delegate to Pittsburgh Convention.

The committee appointed is as follows: Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha; Rev. D. Z. Foulk, North Platte; Mr. F. D. Easterday, Lincoln.

— The Junior Luther League of St. Mark's Church, Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, October 4, presented a beautiful Bible to the church for

the pulpit. A very neat little presentation speech was made by Miss Beulah Albright, to which the pastor, Dr. Singley, appropriately responded.

— The Endeavor Society of St. Mark's Church, Omaha, Neb., has given \$5 for Brother Yeiser's Memorial Church, in India.

— The Luther League of First Lutheran Church of North Platte held its second anniversary on the evening of November 1.

**MINNESOTA, IOWA AND THE WEST.**

— Confirmation was held in the East Church, at New Richland, Minn., by Rev. O. A. Mellby, October 25. A class of 25 members were confirmed. Seven of them were members of the Luther League in the village and the others from the village joined the society the same evening. Nearly all the young men from here who are at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., came home for confirmation.

— The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Minn., had its annual celebration on Tuesday evening, October 20, at the parsonage. About 45 enthusiastic young men and women were present and listened to an excellent programme of music and readings, all of which were well rendered. The pastor was unanimously elected delegate to the National Convention, and a sentiment is growing in favor of a State League. One touching feature of the evening was the parting with the honored president of the society, Mrs. Dr. Dearborn, who ably led the society from its incipency and was also one of the charter members of the English Church of this place. Mr. C. A. Erickson, in the name of the society, presented the lady a beautiful silver letter receiver, but her heart was too full for utterance, and tears filled many eyes as she replied with a simple, earnest "Thank you." The society and the church can ill afford to lose such a valuable worker, but wish her God speed and a useful field of work in her Nebraskan home, where, with her husband, she goes to be a comfort to her aged parents.

— Rev. C. H. Hjortholm of Soldier, Iowa, contemplates organizing a Luther League shortly in his congregation.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of the Swedish Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Cal., are making preparations to take their share of entertainment in the International Christian Endeavor Convention next July. They are also very active in the church work in supplying many of the little but needed things to make the worshiper at home with them.

**IN THE SOUTH.**

— There are 40 young people in the Luther League of our church in Nashville. These young people, with the approval of their pastor, recently started a mission in another section of the city. Rev. Chas. F. Bergner, pastor.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of Emanuel Church, Uniontown, Md., Rev. G. W. Baughman, pastor, has given \$5 to the Memorial Church in India.

— On October 10, the Newberry County Central Luther League held one of its quarterly meetings at St. Luke's, Newberry, S. C. Notwithstanding the disagreeableness of the weather an immense crowd was present to give greater impetus than ever before to this great movement in our county. Five subjects were discussed by the League, as follows: 1. "Does the Luther League Accomplish the Work Desired? If Not, How May it be Improved?" Opened by Y. V. A. Riser and continued by him and Rev. Geo. S. Bearden. 2. "What Constitutes the Social Feature of the League Work? What Amusements are Legitimate?" Opened by Rev. Geo. S. Bearden and continued by him, Messrs. E. P. Cromer, John J. Kibler, Edwin Sheely and Y. V. A. Riser. 3. "How Best Should the Younger Members be Induced to Take Part in the Work?" Opened by Clifford Banks and continued by Messrs. Jno. J. Kibler, Y. V. A. Riser and President W. H. Riser. 4. "Is the Bible Read Sufficiently by Our Young People? How Could this be Encouraged?" Opened by President W. H. Riser and continued by him, Y. V. A. Riser and Rev. Geo. S. Bearden. 5. "When is the Best Time to Hold the Business Meetings of the League, and When the Religious?" Opened by Jno. J. Kibler and continued by Rev. Geo. S. Bearden, E. P. Cromer and President W. H. Riser. A song service was conducted by Prof. G. B. Cromer, during which he made a brief but pleasing talk to the League about "Witnessing for Jesus." This one thing he urged the Luther League to do, to witness for Jesus. This meeting was undoubtedly the best the Central League has had since its organization. It has grown stronger and stronger with each meeting.

— A convention of the District Luther League of the coast region of South Carolina and of Georgia was held in Wentworth Street Lutheran Church, Charleston, S. C., on October 30 and 31 and November 1. Eight Leagues were represented, a gain of five in four months. A most interesting feature of the first day's session was an open parliament on the topic, "The National Luther League." Discussion was opened by Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D., President of the Pennsylvania League, who was present as a guest of the convention. Prof. F. Muench, Ph.D., spoke on "The Luther League—A Bond of Union." "Devotional Luther League Exercises" was the subject discussed by Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D. Prof. Muench was unanimously elected a delegate to the National Convention. At the Reformation Festival, held in St. John's Church, in connection with this meeting, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., of Philadelphia delivered the address.

— The Luther League of North Carolina was organized in St. James' Church, Concord, N. C., October 31. Particulars are not at hand, but will be printed later. This is the first State League to be organized in the South.